

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT--UFMCC
DISTRICT CONFERENCE HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA
NOVEMBER 6 - 8, 1987
FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME:

REGISTRATIONS 92 @ \$20 each (net 1 returned check)	\$1,820.00
SATURDAY OFFERING	173.00
SUNDAY OFFERING	166.25
BANQUET FEES 5 @ \$10 each	50.00

TOTAL INCOME

2,209.25

EXPENSES:

BANQUET (Food, gratuity & tax)	1,093.32
DIST. COMM. EXPENSES (Trans., housing, per diem & registration)	988.76
REV. EASTMAN'S EXPENSES (Housing, honorarium, per diem & reg.)*	203.68
PIANO RENTAL	75.00
POSTAGE AND PHOTOCOPYING - Registration Packets	33.17
TELEPHONE	16.45
SUPPLIES	5.56

TOTAL EXPENSES

2,415.94

TOTAL CHARGE TO DISTRICT CONFERENCE FUND**

\$206.69

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* Rev. Eastman's transportation costs were paid by U.F.M.C.C. travel agency. G.L.A.D. may receive future request for reimbursement.

** \$107.46 of the conference expenses were incurred prior to the November accounting period. November financials therefore show only the impact on the District Conference Fund of -\$99.23.



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Metropolitan Community Church

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September 26, 1987

Rev. Marge Ragona
57 No Reed Ave
Mobile, AL 36604

Dear Marge,

I am really looking forward to being with you next weekend and would love to preach. I would like to use the lectionary readings of Amos 5:18-24, I Thessalonians 4:13-18, and Matthew 25:1-3.

My flight arrives in Mobile on Saturday, October 3 at 5:40 p.m. (Northwest flight 893). And I will be leaving on Monday the 5th at 10:35 a.m. Thank you for the offer of feeding and housing me, I will definitely take you up on it. I am sorry that I'll miss the Friday events, but this was the only cheap seats I could get.

I'll be glad to go over your packet and do whatever else you feel would be helpful. The major task that I have set is to celebrate with you God's continued action in Mobile.

God bless you. See you next weekend.

Shalom,

Bob

Bob Galloway

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT--UFMCC
INCOME STATEMENT THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1987

CHURCH TITHES**	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	ANNUAL TOTALS
Birmingham (Covenant)	\$77.22	\$80.47	\$76.24	\$80.65	\$88.41	\$91.87	\$73.09	\$72.60	\$83.05	\$57.96	\$58.97		\$840.53
Huntsville	43.69	40.56	34.87	47.60	36.70	40.07	39.82	60.78	85.94	47.43	59.12		536.58
Mobile	27.50	28.33	54.40	36.04	45.61	47.25	48.56	43.18	53.53	46.66	57.25		488.31
Montgomery	28.46	23.57	21.56	28.10	15.19	25.33	32.95	17.05	42.28	43.88	33.65		312.02
Phenix City, AL - Columbus, GA (New Light)		4.78	17.43	20.66	19.70	21.76	22.25	36.95	29.59	23.09	17.43		213.64
Atlanta (All Saints)			351.63	116.59	108.66	96.96	97.10		209.63	106.77	95.98		1,183.32
Atlanta (Blessed Redeemer)	113.67			380.23							876.75		1,370.65
Jackson	35.80	36.06	36.65	164.59	42.35	56.62		90.48		90.69	40.93		594.17
Charlotte (MCC Charlotte)	101.98	79.92	108.66	101.30	111.24	110.80	211.25	90.81	116.27	98.09	102.63		1,232.95
Charlotte (New Life)	107.35	94.95	141.75	136.95	159.50	133.31	101.51	101.70	98.50	108.88	133.27		1,317.67
Greensboro (St. Mary's)	89.01	63.08	105.99	111.64	82.29	103.52	102.83	83.24	93.00	71.08	100.48		1,006.16
Raleigh (St. John's)	164.91	167.63	209.33	156.93	127.78	146.53	144.48	124.76	141.65	91.85	114.02		1,589.87
Charleston (St. Joan of Arc)	41.93	53.34	48.60	47.43	51.93	70.92	49.89	61.91	70.04	64.35	47.00		607.54
Greenville	21.67	16.02	28.34	35.01	30.71	48.15	39.93	39.54	44.38	44.89	39.02		387.66
Knoxville	60.94	53.62	66.49	79.78	61.91	63.56	66.62	57.00	79.83	68.55	108.37		766.67
Nashville		60.49	295.16	120.86	146.71	166.78	100.79	110.13	136.30	100.85	160.28		1,398.35
Tri-Cities	6.01	8.58	67.28	14.25	7.95	19.03	10.70	13.45	14.23	4.00	11.57		177.05
SUBTOTAL CHURCH-TITHES **	\$920.14	\$811.40	\$1,664.58	\$1,678.61	\$1,136.64	\$1,242.46	\$1,141.77	\$1,003.58	\$1,298.22	\$1,069.02	\$2,056.72	\$0.00	\$14,023.14
NON-TITHE INCOME													
Money Market & District Conf. Fund interest	20.25	16.24	16.48	26.47	10.92	10.68	44.09	6.00	13.25	48.38	10.16		222.92
Travel agency rebate		139.90											139.90
UFMCC travel pool refund			114.00										114.00
Balance of account in South Carolina bank			6.89										6.89
District Conference registrations & offering				2,277.00	40.00						2,209.25		4,526.25
Reimbursement of returned checks						30.00							30.00
Refund of hotel expense--General Conference							50.60						50.60
At-large donation									748.86		100.00		848.86
SUBTOTAL NON-TITHE INCOME	\$20.25	\$156.14	\$137.37	\$2,303.47	\$50.92	\$40.68	\$94.69	\$6.00	\$762.11	\$48.38	\$2,319.41	\$0.00	\$5,939.42
TOTAL INCOME	\$940.39	\$967.54	\$1,801.95	\$3,982.08	\$1,187.56	\$1,283.14	\$1,236.46	\$1,009.58	\$2,060.33	\$1,117.40	\$4,376.13	\$0.00	\$19,962.56

** PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL TITHES ARE CURRENT UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
EXPENSES PAID THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1987

BUDGET ITEMS	BUDGET AMOUNT	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	ANNUAL TOTALS	BUD VAR Y-T-D
District Coordinator's Discretionary Fund	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00		6,050.00	0.00%
Travel Exp.-District Off. (Dist. Travel)	125.00	157.50	115.00	175.00	45.00	145.00	325.00	48.75	0.00	590.55	124.50	209.05		1,935.35	40.75%
Communications															
Telephone		96.45	98.95	106.29	26.45	132.05	132.35	106.90	47.44	52.59	132.71	165.35		1,097.53	
Postage		8.01	0.00	17.06	6.54	27.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	76.84	22.00	35.63		193.66	
Office Supplies		0.00	0.00	10.11	0.00	8.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.92	0.00	45.07		84.87	
Printing & Photocopying		25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	37.12	25.00	25.00	0.00	24.67	0.00	68.84		280.63	
Subtotal Communications	200.00	129.46	123.95	158.46	57.99	205.52	157.35	131.90	47.44	175.02	154.71	314.89	0.00	1,656.69	-24.70%
General Council Expenses-D.C.	75.00	0.00	218.00	0.00	0.00	406.70	0.00	279.77	0.00	0.00	112.50	298.56		1,315.53	59.46%
District Reps. Travel (FFO, COL, etc.)	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		30.00	-96.36%
District Committee Expenses-Dist. Conf.	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	496.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		496.23	-35.55%
Dist. Comm. Meetings (Not During Dist. Conf.)	50.00	414.00	322.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		736.30	33.87%
FICA Expense-District Employees	30.00	85.80	0.00	0.00	117.97	0.00	0.00	117.98	0.00	0.00	117.97	0.00		439.72	33.25%
CRC Representative	25.00	0.00	0.00	218.00	470.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		688.22	150.26%
District Secretarial Expenses	100.00	0.00	30.00	50.00	140.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	55.00	0.00		275.00	-75.00%
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$1,300.00	\$1,336.76	\$1,359.25	\$1,151.46	\$1,877.41	\$1,337.22	\$1,032.35	\$1,128.40	\$597.44	\$1,315.57	\$1,114.68	\$1,372.50	\$0.00	\$13,623.04	-4.73%
NON-BUDGET ITEMS															
Supplement to MDC Greenville		0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00		450.00	
Penalty/interest to Internal Revenue Service				2.99	(3.00)									(0.01)	
Expenses charged to District Conference Account				292.79	836.20		9.00		16.45		91.01	2,308.48		3,553.93	
Flowers sent by the District Committee					63.55							48.04		117.59	
District portion of Board of Elders' plaques						50.00								50.00	
Returned checks from conference registrants						50.00								50.00	
General Conf. housing, trans. and expenses--COL rep.						397.70	189.00	160.00						746.70	
General Conf. housing & trans.--FFO reps.									374.14					374.14	
Expenses associated with new pastor--Montgomery							208.00			500.00				708.00	
General Conf. housing & trans.--Elders' Nom. Comm.							466.35							466.35	
Rev. Janet Pierce--aid for travel to national conf.										50.00				50.00	
Bank charges for printing new checks										5.67				5.67	
Purchase of district photocopier										748.86				748.86	
Expenses associated with new pastor--Charleston												350.00		350.00	
TOTAL NON-BUDGET EXPENSES		0.00	0.00	345.78	952.75	547.70	922.35	210.00	440.59	1,354.53	141.01	2,756.52	0.00	7,671.23	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$1,336.76	\$1,359.25	\$1,497.24	\$2,830.16	\$1,884.92	\$1,954.70	\$1,338.40	\$1,038.03	\$2,670.10	\$1,255.69	\$4,129.02	\$0.00	\$21,294.27	
TOTAL INCOME		\$940.39	\$967.54	\$1,801.95	\$3,982.08	\$1,187.56	\$1,283.14	\$1,236.46	\$1,009.53	\$2,060.33	\$1,117.40	\$4,376.13	\$0.00	\$19,962.56	
TOTAL EXPENSES		(1,336.76)	(1,359.25)	(1,497.24)	(2,830.16)	(1,884.92)	(1,954.70)	(1,338.40)	(1,038.03)	(2,670.10)	(1,255.69)	(4,129.02)	0.00	(21,294.27)	
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES		(\$396.37)	(\$391.71)	\$304.71	\$1,151.92	(\$697.36)	(\$671.56)	(\$101.94)	(\$28.45)	(\$609.77)	(\$138.29)	\$247.11	\$0.00	(\$1,331.71)	

	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES		(\$396.37)	(\$391.71)	\$304.71	\$1,151.92	(\$697.36)	(\$671.56)	(\$101.94)	(\$28.45)	(\$609.77)	(\$138.29)	\$247.11	\$0.00
DISPOSITION OF EXCESS(DEFICIT)													
To increase(decrease) checking account		(416.62)	(407.95)	581.02	(315.35)	(350.58)	190.11	(36.63)	356.14	(117.35)	(95.66)	336.18	
To increase(decrease) money market account		20.25	(1,483.76)	16.48	10.92	(386.78)	(852.67)	1,400.72	(368.14)	(492.42)	6.63	10.16	
To increase(decrease) savings account		0.00	0.00	(292.79)	1,456.35	40.00	(9.00)	33.97	(16.45)	0.00	(49.26)	(99.23)	
To increase(decrease) outstanding loans account		0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,500.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		(\$396.37)	(\$391.71)	\$304.71	\$1,151.92	(\$697.36)	(\$671.56)	(\$101.94)	(\$28.45)	(\$609.77)	(\$138.29)	\$247.11	\$0.00
Checking Account Balance	\$1,628.77	\$1,212.15	\$804.20	\$1,385.22	\$1,069.87	\$719.29	\$909.40	\$872.77	\$1,228.91	\$1,111.56	\$1,015.90	\$1,352.08	
Money Market Account Balance	4,525.41	4,545.66	3,061.90	3,078.38	3,089.30	2,702.52	1,849.85	3,250.57	2,882.43	2,390.01	2,396.64	2,406.80	
Savings Acct. (Dist. Conf. Fund) Balance	1,771.81	1,771.81	1,771.81	1,479.02	2,935.37	2,975.37	2,966.37	3,000.34	2,983.89	2,983.89	2,934.63	2,835.40	
Outstanding Loans to Member Churches	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	\$7,925.99	\$7,529.62	\$7,137.91	\$7,442.62	\$8,594.54	\$7,897.18	\$7,225.62	\$7,123.68	\$7,095.23	\$6,485.46	\$6,347.17	\$6,594.28	\$0.00

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
NOVEMBER, 1987

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$4,525.41	\$4,545.66	\$3,061.90	\$3,078.38	\$3,089.30	\$2,702.52	\$1,849.85	\$3,250.57	\$2,882.43	\$2,390.01	\$2,396.64	
INCOME:												
Money market interest	20.25	16.24	16.48	10.92	10.92	10.68	10.12	6.00	13.25	6.63	10.16	
Repayment of loan							1,500.00					
Refund of hotel expense--General Conference							50.60					
TOTAL INCOME	\$20.25	\$16.24	\$16.48	\$10.92	\$10.92	\$10.68	\$1,560.72	\$6.00	\$13.25	\$6.63	\$10.16	\$0.00
EXPENSES:												
Loan to member church	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Conf. housing, trans. and expenses--COL rep.					397.70	189.00	160.00					
General Conf. housing & airfare--FFO reps.								374.14				
Expenses associated with new pastor--Montgomery						208.00			500.00			
General Conf. housing & trans.--Elders' Nom. Comm.						466.35						
Bank charges for printing new checks									5.67			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$397.70	\$863.35	\$160.00	\$374.14	\$505.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$4,545.66	\$3,061.90	\$3,078.38	\$3,089.30	\$2,702.52	\$1,849.85	\$3,250.57	\$2,882.43	\$2,390.01	\$2,396.64	\$2,406.80	\$0.00

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
NOVEMBER, 1987

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$1,771.81	\$1,771.81	\$1,771.81	\$1,479.02	\$2,935.37	\$2,975.37	\$2,966.37	\$3,000.34	\$2,983.89	\$2,983.89	\$2,934.63	
INCOME:												
Interest				15.55			33.97			41.75		
Registrations of District Committee members				80.00								
Registrations and offering				2,197.00	40.00						2,209.25	
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,292.55	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$33.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.75	\$2,209.25	\$0.00
EXPENSES:												
Postage & shipping charges--conference packets			92.79			9.00				16.01		
Hotel deposit			200.00									
Conference expenses not charged to general budget				836.20							2,308.48	
Telephone expenses to locate Fall, 1987 site								16.45				
Piano rental										75.00		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$292.79	\$836.20	\$0.00	\$9.00	\$0.00	\$16.45	\$0.00	\$91.01	\$2,308.48	\$0.00
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$1,771.81	\$1,771.81	\$1,479.02	\$2,935.37	\$2,975.37	\$2,966.37	\$3,000.34	\$2,983.89	\$2,983.89	\$2,934.63	\$2,835.40	\$0.00

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Date: 7 November 87

Location: Park Inn, Huntsville, Alabama

Time: 10:30am - 12:00 noon

Representatives present:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Laity</u>
Atlanta (AS)		Beth Summeriour
Atlanta (BR)		(no vote) Eric Nicholson
Birmingham		Kay Ratliff
Charleston	Rev. J Martin	Allen Reardon
Charlotte (MC)	Rev. L Guerrra	Arlene Robbins
Charlotte (NL)	Rev. A Fleschner	Eddie Joy
Greensboro	Rev. C Oscar	Jon Mark Jackson
Greenville		Leroy Lawhorn
Huntsville	Rev. Janet Pierce	Molly Pettis
Jackson		
Knoxville	Rev. B Galloway	Cassie Hohanshelt
Mobile	Rev. M Ragona	Larry Hutson
Montgomery	Rev. L. Leech	Nancy Moody
Nashville	Rev. P Tucker	Paul Law
	Rev. C Lee	
Raleigh	Rev. J Norris	Tom Karl
Tri-Cities		Richard Morefield

District Officer: Mary Moore, District Coordinator

MOTION: Approve agenda

MOVED: Leech

SECOND: Martin

VOTE: Approved unanimously

MOTION: Approve Spring District Conference minutes

MOVED: Tucker

SECOND: Karl

VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Approve District Committee minutes

MOVED: Norris

SECOND: Pierce

VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Approve Assistant District Coordinator's Report

MOVED: Galloway

SECOND: Pierce

VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Approve Treasurer's Report

MOVED: Karl

SECOND: Joy

VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Approve Clergy Representative's Report
MOVED: Guerra
SECOND: Pierce
VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Approve Lay Representative's Report
MOVED: Pierce
SECOND: Fleschner
VOTE: Approved with 1 abstention

MOTION: Approve District Coordinator Report
MOVED: Fleschner
SECOND: Ratliff
VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Approve 1988 Budget with changes made by District Committee
MOVED: Pierce
SECOND: Tucker
VOTE: Approved

ELECTIONS

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COORDINATOR

Nomination: Rev. Christine Oscar
Motion: Nominations closed
Elected by affirmation of both houses

LAY REPRESENTATIVE

Nomination: Loyal Charles
Motion: Nominations closed
Elected by lay house and affirmed by the clergy house

ALTERNATE LAY REPRESENTATIVE

Nomination: Mary Allen Watson
Motion: Nominations closed
Elected by lay house and affirmed by the clergy house

FFO CLERGY REPRESENTATIVE

Nomination: Rev. Bruce Hill
Motion: Nominations closed
Elected by clergy house and affirmed by lay house

FFO CLERGY ALTERNATE

Nominations: Rev. Marge Ragona
Rev. Charles Lee
Vote by ballot in clergy house and affirmed by lay house
Rev. Marge Ragona elected

FFO LAY REPRESENTATIVE

Nomination: Wayne Lindsey

Motion: Nominations closed

Elected by lay house and affirmed by clergy house

FFO LAY ALTERNATE

Nomination: Lee Hicklen

Motion: Nominations closed

Elected by lay house and affirmed by clergy house

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Incorporation Task Force formed to report back to Spring, 88 District Conference

Rev. Liz Leech, Chair

Dave Amthauer

Leroy Lawhorn

Terry McCabe

Beth Summeriour

Dennis Luft

RESOLUTION: Whereas, the entire District Committee is responsible for the government of the District between District Conferences, and; Whereas, the entire District Committee is elected by the entire District Conference to represent them; and Whereas, because being a locally elected lay delegate may be in conflict of interest within the District Committee; and Whereas, the District Committee functions at the same level in the District as the Elders do at the Fellowship level; and Whereas, we the Fall, 1987, GLAD District Conference in Huntsville, Alabama disagree and feel that all of our duly elected District Committee members should have full vote at District Conferences, therefore be it Resolved that a sentence be added to Article V,C,2,b of the UFMCC By-laws that reads: "All persons serving in elective offices on the District Committee have full voice and vote at all District Conferences."

MOVED: Guerra

SECOND: Pierce

MOTION TO TABLE UNTIL SPRING, 1988 CONFERENCE: Tucker

SECOND: Oscar

VOTE: Approved

SITE FOR FALL, 1988 CONFERENCE IS KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

MOTION: GLAD cancel Spring Conference during General Conference years

MOVED: Galloway

SECOND: Pierce

MOTION TO TABLE UNTIL SPRING, 1988 CONFERENCE: Pierce

SECOND: Tucker

VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Abolish the Church Leadership Committee and request that the District Committee set up a time for church leaders one time per year for sharing and retreat before District Conference

MOVED: Fleschner

SECOND: Unknown

MOTION TO TABLE UNTIL SPRING, 1988 CONFERENCE: Pierce

SECOND: Tucker

VOTE: Approved

ELECTION OF DISTRICT CLERGY REVIEW COMMITTEE PERSONS

Rev. Bob Galloway and Rev. Liz Leech were nominated for the committee

Rev. Jim Martin is the alternate

MOTION: The District Committee along with Loyal Charles as Conference Coordinator can have the final decision along with MCC Charleston in making final Conference arrangements for the Spring, 88 Conference in Charleston

MOTION: Tucker

SECOND: Martin

VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Each church in the GLAD will take a special love offering for Rev. Elder Emeritus John Hose to help defray medical expenses at this time

MOVED: Ragona

SECOND: Pierce

VOTE: Approved

MOTION: To adjourn

MOVED: George

SECOND: Gingrich

VOTE: Approved

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GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT

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ALABAMA

Covenant MCC

P. O. Box 101473, Birmingham, AL 35210
205/326-8529

Pastor:

Lay Delegate: Kay Ratliff

Meets at: 2630 6th Ave S 11:00am Sunday

MCC Columbus

Information will follow later

MCC Huntsville

P. O. Box 10021, Huntsville, AL 35801
205/539-MCCH

Pastor: Rev. Janet Pierce

228 Cedarmonst Circle

Nashville, Tn 37211 Home # 615/333-6577

Work # 615/385-1510

Lay Delegate: Molly Pettis

Meets at: 2222 Governor's Drive 7:00pm Sunday

MCC Mobile

1600 Center Street, Mobile, AL 36604
205/476-9142

Pastor: Rev. Marge Ragana

Lay Delegate: Larry Hutson

Meets at: 1600 Center Street 7:00PM Sunday

MCC Montgomery

P. O. Box 603, Montgomery, AL 36101
205/264-7887

Pastor: Rev. Liz Leech

Lay Delegate: Nancy Moody

Meets at: Unitarian Fellowship 5:30PM Sunday (Vaughn Rd)

GEORGIAAll Saints MCC

P. O. BOX 13968, Atlanta, GA 30324

404/636-3507

Pastor:

Lay Delegate: Beth Summeriour

Meets at: 575 Boulevard SE, Atlanta 5:00PM Sunday

MCC of the Blessed Redeemer

P. O. Box 8356, Atlanta, GA 30306

404/872-2246

Pastor: Rev. Bruce Hill (until 12/31/87)

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. John H. Hose

Lay Delegate: Eric Nicholson

Meets at: 800 N. Highland Ave, NE 2:00PM & 7:00PM Sunday
7:30PM WednesdayMISSISSIPPIMCC Jackson

P. O. Box 1226, Jackson, MS 39215-1226

601/956-8211

Pastor: Rev. Sam Edelman-Richard

Lay Delegate: Hank Edelman-Richard

Meets at: 1335 Ellis Ave, Suite 5 10:30AM Sunday

NORTH CAROLINAMCC Charlotte

3001 Central Avenue, Suite 156, Charlotte, N.C. 28205

704/563-5810

Pastor: Rev. Lynn Guerra

Lay Delegate: Arlene Robbins

Meets at: 4037 E. Independence Blvd 11:00AM Sunday
7:30PM WednesdayNew Life MCC

P. O. Box 221404, Charlotte, N.C. 28222-1404

704/366-6035

Pastor: Rev. Arthur Fleschner

Lay Delegate: Eddie Joy

Meets at: Unitarian Church 7:00pm Sunday
234 N. Sharon AmitySt. John's MCC

P. O. Box 5626, Raleigh, N.C. 27650

919/834-2611

Pastor: Rev. June Norris

Lay Delegate: Tom Karl

Meets at: 814 Dixie Trail 2:45PM Sunday (Sept - May)
7:30PM Sunday (June - Aug)
7:15PM Wednesday

St. Mary's MCC

P. O. Box 5808, Greensboro, N.C. 27435-0808
919/272-1606

Pastor: Rev. Christine Oscar

Lay Delegate: Jon Mark Jackson

Meets at: 3010 Monterey Drive 7:00PM Sunday

SOUTH CAROLINAMCC Greenville

P. O. Box 6322, Greenville, SC 29606
803/233-0919

Pastor: Randy Lowe

Lay Delegate: Leroy Lawhorn

Meets at: 37 East Hillcrest Dr 7:00PM Sunday

St. Joan of Arc MCC

P. O. Box 245, Charleston, SC 29402
803/747-6736

Pastor: Rev. Jim Martin

Lay Delegate: Carl Moser

Meets at: 4583 F Durant Ave,
North Charleston

7:00PM Sunday

8:00PM Wednesday

TENNESSEEMCC Knoxville

P. O. Box 2343, Knoxville, TN 37901
615/521-6546

Pastor: Rev. Bob Galloway

Lay Delegate: Cassie Hohanshelt

Meets at: 870 Weisgarber Rd 6:00PM Sunday

MCC Nashville

131 15th Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37203
615/320-0288

Pastor: Rev. Paul Tucker

Associate Pastor: Rev. Charles Lee

Lay Delegate: Paul Law

Meets at: 131 15th Avenue North 11:00AM & 7:00PM Sunday

MCC of the Tri-Cities

P. O. Box 1612, Johnson City, TN 37605-1612
615/349-7707

Pastor:

Lay Delegate: Richard Morefield

Meets at: Holston Valley Unitarian 7:00PM Sunday
Eastern Star Rd, Gray, TN

CHURCH STATUS STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT

OF THE UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES

I. OBJECTIVE

Under the church status standards established by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Church By-Laws (herinafter called "UFMCC"), the Gulf Lower Atlantic District (herinafter called "the District") sets the following standards and procedures for the commissioning of churches, the chartering of churches, and the admission of new works.

II. VOTING CHURCH BODIES

A. Chartered Churches

Chartered churches must meet the requirements set forth in the UFMCC By-Laws (Article VI B 2) and additional requirements set by the District.

1. These churches must have a stable membership which demonstrates:
 - a. a pledged commitment to uphold the Statement of Faith and the By-Laws of UFMCC,
 - b. a willingness and ability to support a full-time Pastor,
 - c. a willingness to provide to the limit of its ability for the expenses of its Pastor and lay delegate(s) to District and General Conferences,
 - d. plans (list of stated goals) for continuing work and growth in the areas of worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, stewardship, care of pastor, and mission.
2. These churches must also be able to pay or provide the following:
 - a. At least 10% of its offerings to UFMCC and at least 5% of its offerings to the District, except recognized designated funds in accordance with the UFMCC By-Laws (Article X B), by the 10th of each month.
 - b. In a pastoral contract:
 - (1) a package of at least the equivalent of \$231 per week (52 weeks), which shall be deemed full-time compensation;
 - (2) expenses for at least one clergy conference per year; and

- (3) health insurance.
- (4) The church office is to be provided outside the pastor's home.
- (5) The Pastor's contract is to be presented to the congregation, accepted by both parties, and submitted in the packet for charter church status.
- (6) The Pastor's contract is to include two days a week off each week, at least four weeks for vacation and consideration of some weekends off on a regular basis. Sick leave is to be determined by both parties.
- (7) Goals for the care of the pastor are to be included in the contract.

- c. Church facility expenses (office and phone included),
- d. Expenses to support the mission of the church as stated in the seven-fold goals of the church (worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, stewardship, care of pastor, and mission).
- e. Full and reasonable expenses to conferences for the Pastor(s) and delegate(s).

- 3. The Pastor of a Chartered Church must be UFMCC credentialed clergy or be in serious pursuit (registered with the CCCC, taking courses and exams, and complying with the credentialing process of UFMCC). Exceptions will be determined by the District Committee. (District Standard Operating Procedures, Article IV B 3)

B. Commissioned Churches

Commissioned churches must meet the requirements set forth in the UFMCC By-Laws (Article 6 B 1) and additional requirements set by the District.

- 1. These churches must show a pledged commitment to:
 - a. uphold the Statement of Faith and the By-Laws of UFMCC,
 - b. actively support the work of the church over the next year,
 - c. provide adequate financial support to carry out the work of the church over the next year,
 - d. insure that those people signing the petition have a record of attendance at organizational meetings.

2. These churches must also be able to pay or provide the following:
 - a. At least 10% of offerings to UFMCC and at least 5% of offerings to the District, except recognized designated funds in accordance with the UFMCC By-Laws (Article X B), by the 10th of each month.
 - b. In a pastoral contract:
 - (1) a package of at least \$5.77 per contracted hour (Note: credentialed UFMCC clergy must be contracted for at least 12 hours per week to maintain their credentials),
 - (2) expenses for at least one clergy (or training) conference per year,
 - (3) health insurance,
 - (4) phone expenses (base costs and church long distance) and additional expenses for space when the office is in the pastor's home. (Note: Offices in homes are not encouraged for three reasons: Security of the pastor's home, security of church records, and the increased potential for career burn-out),
 - (5) other feasible expense items (car allowance, etc.).
 - c. Church facility expenses.
 - d. Expenses to support the mission of the church as stated in the seven-fold goals of the church (worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, stewardship, care of pastor, and mission).
 - e. Full and reasonable expenses to conferences for the Pastor(s) and delegate(s).
 - f. Any exceptions may be made by the District Committee and approved by the District Conference.

III. SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Special ministries indicated by extraordinary circumstances may be created and directly supervised by the District Committee.

IV. PARISH EXTENSIONS

- A. Parish Extensions shall be established by the District Committee when:
 1. There is some interest in forming a congregation in the community where the congregation is to be based.
 2. There is an established Metropolitan Community Church that will serve as a Parish, providing

guidance and fellowship to the new group to become a congregation, and a Fellowship church. The District Committee shall be the final accountable authority.

3. There is some indigenous leadership ready to deal with such issues as worship space, time, commitment, and financial affairs.

B. When a Parish Extension has been authorized by the District Committee, the District Coordinator shall appoint a person as Parish Extension Leader with agreement of the senior Pastor of the Parish and the Parish Extension with approval of appointment by the District Committee.

1. The Pastor shall be responsible for reporting monthly to the District Coordinator and at regular meetings of the District Committee.
2. The Pastor shall be responsible for seeing that at least 10% of all offerings shall be remitted to the Fellowship as an undesignated offering, and that at least 5% of all offerings shall be remitted to the District as an undesignated offering, seeing that accurate financial and attendance statistics are maintained and reported to the District Committee and the District Coordinator.
3. The Parish Extension Leader:
 - a. must receive one-half the weekly offering up to \$70 per week,
 - b. shall ensure a minimum of one weekly church service on Sunday,
 - c. shall be provided reasonable telephone and operating expenses.
4. Any person seeking to serve in the office of Student Clergy or Deacon must be recommended by the Parish Extension Leader and must apply for appropriate supervision to the Pastor of the Parish Church.. If the Parish church does not have Fellowship credentialed clergy in pastoral leadership, the applicant may apply to the District for supervision. A suitable advisor will be found for admissable candidates.
5. Each Parish Extension shall have one lay observer for every one hundred members in good standing or portion thereof. The lay observer will be seated in the Lay House at District Conferences and will have no vote.
6. Membership in the Parish Extension shall lie in the sponsoring parish.

V. PRE-EXISTING WORKS

Pre-existing works applying for Commissioned Church status shall meet the requirements as specified in the District Church Status Standards.

VI. PROCEDURES

- A. These standards and procedures shall take effect upon adoption and shall be incorporated at the local church level immediately. Each existing Voting Church Body must make application for the appropriate church status by January 1st, 1987.
- B. Initial application for church status is to include verification of the fulfillment of the requirements as specified in these standards, respective to appropriate church status. Items to include in the application are:
 - 1. The history of the local church body.
 - 2. A petition of support of the Statement of Faith and the By-laws of UFMCC and stated goals for continuing work and growth in the areas of worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, stewardship, care of pastor, and mission by active members of congregation.
 - 3. The current Pastoral contract.
 - 4. A complete financial statement, including assets, pledged tithes and offerings, and liabilities.
 - 5. The current fiscal budget.
 - 6. A membership growth chart.
 - 7. A chart of the average weekly attendance and weekly offerings per month from the previous year OR a copy of each monthly report from the previous year.
 - 8. A goals statement for each area of the seven-fold goals of the mission of the church (worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, stewardship, care of pastor, and mission).
 - 9. Names, addresses, telephone numbers of the church staff, student clergy, board members and deacons.
 - 10. A copy of the local by-laws or standard operating procedures.
- C. Six copies of each application are to be submitted to the District Committee by March 1 or September 1 for review.
- D. Church Status Review
 - 1. The church status of each original chartered church will be reviewed by the District Committee after one year while other chartered churches will be reviewed by the District Committee once every five years. The petition for review submitted by each chartered church should give evidence of continued fulfillment

of specified requirements and further growth and progress in each area of the seven-fold goals of the mission of the church.

2. The church status of each commissioned church will be reviewed by the District Committee on an annual basis. The petition for review submitted by each commissioned church should give evidence of continued growth and progress toward charter status.
 3. The church status of each Parish Extension will be reviewed by the District Committee on an annual basis. The petition for review submitted by each Parish Extension should give evidence of continued growth and progress toward commission status.
 4. In the initial church status application, each church body may designate the District Conference (Spring or Fall) during which it wishes to have its status reviewed. If a church does not designate a preference for future review dates, the District Committee will assign such.
- E. In the event of a previously Chartered Church applying for Charter under the new 1985 By-Laws, the District Committee, if approving the Charter under these standards and procedures, will recommend that the congregation hold their charter from the original date of charter.

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT

OF THE UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES

ARTICLE I. NAME AND BOUNDARIES

- A. The name of this body shall be the Gulf Lower Atlantic District of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. The Gulf Lower Atlantic District hereinafter called "the District" exists under the provisions of the by-laws of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, hereinafter called "UFMCC". The UFMCC by-laws shall govern these Standard Operating Procedures and all actions taken by the District or its officers.
- B. The District shall comprise the states of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Action of the General Conference of UFMCC or the General Council of UFMCC affecting the boundaries of this District shall automatically amend this section without specific District action.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of this District is to encourage Christian fellowship and mutual cooperation, to enable and empower Christian ministry within our jurisdiction through the member congregations and bodies, and other objectives as set forth in the UFMCC By-Laws. (Article V C)

ARTICLE III. DOCTRINE, SACRAMENTS, AND RITES

- A. The doctrine, sacraments, and rites of this District shall be those of UFMCC as stated in the UFMCC by-laws. (Article III)

ARTICLE IV. MINISTRY

This District affirms the universal priesthood of all believers (I Peter 2:5-10). All members of the Church are called by God to a ministry of the Gospel of Christ in the Church and in the world. (UFMCC By-laws, Article IV)

A. Clergy

- 1. Clergy are those called by God, authorized and legally recognized by UFMCC to serve among the people as professional ministers of the Word and Sacraments.
- 2. This District recognizes the right of UFMCC to determine procedural matters and standards pertaining to the responsibilities, qualifications, credentials, and

discipline of UFMCC clergy as specified in the UFMCC By-laws. (Article IV B)

B. Pastor

1. The pastor is that person responsible for the duties of teacher, preacher, spiritual leader, and counselor within a local church congregation.
2. Local chartered churches and local commissioned churches elect a pastor. It would be encouraged that a local commissioned church seek the assistance of the District Coordinator in securing a pastor. The pastor of a commissioned church must be approved by the District Coordinator and by the District Committee.
3. Pastors must be credentialed clergy in UFMCC unless an exception is made by the District Committee. Exceptions will be approved for no more than one year at which time the District Committee will review the status. At the time of approval a covenant will be established between the applicant, local church and the District Committee.
4. This District recognizes the right of UFMCC to determine procedural matters and standards pertaining to the qualifications, responsibilities, and termination of service of pastors as specified in the UFMCC By-laws. (Article V B 2)

C. Student Clergy

1. Student Clergy are those who feel called by God to prepare to serve among the people as professional ministers of the Word and Sacrament. For a limited time they may serve in this position to test their call and to develop needed skills.
2. This District recognizes the right of UFMCC to determine procedural matters and standards pertaining to the responsibilities, qualifications, appointments, training and discipline of student clergy as specified in the UFMCC By-laws. (Article IV B 2).
3. A copy of The Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee student clergy registration must be forwarded to the District Coordinator by student clergy upon approval by the appointing authority.
4. If the need arises the District Coordinator may request student clergy to serve for district work. This request is subject to approval of the appointing authority and the Church Leadership Committee and the District Committee. (UFMCC By-laws, Article IV B 2 f)

D. Deacon

If the need arises the District Coordinator may request a deacon to serve for district work. This request is subject to approval of the appointing authority and the District Committee. (UFMCC By-laws, Article IV A 2 f)

ARTICLE V. GOVERNMENT AND OFFICERS

The government of this District is vested in its District Conference which exerts the right to control all of its affairs subject to these Standard Operating Procedures and the By-laws of UFMCC.

A. Church Leadership Committee

1. The Church Leadership Committee's purpose is to act in an advisory capacity to the District Committee.
2. The Church Leadership Committee shall be composed of a pastor from each church.
3. The chief items that this committee will address/discuss will be deaconate and student clergy appointees, and in-coming pastoral applicants of non-chartered churches. These recommendations forthcoming will be given to the District Committee.
4. The Church Leadership Committee shall meet immediately (not more than one week) prior to each District Conference in the city where the District Conference is to be held.
5. The District Coordinator shall serve as Moderator and the District Clerk will record the minutes and provide pertinent information to the District Committee.
6. The Church Leadership Committee shall be empowered to make recommendations to the District Conference floor.

B. District Committee

The District Committee is that body elected by the District Conference to carry on the administrative affairs of the District in an orderly manner between District Conferences. All actions of the District Committee must be reported to and approved by the District Conference except where specifically provided for in these Standard Operating Procedures or the UFMCC By-laws. If any action taken by the District committee is not approved, such rectification as is possible must be undertaken by the District Committee as soon as possible with the further approval of the District Conference.

1. Members

The officers of the District shall be the District Committee and shall consist of District Coordinator, Assistant District Coordinator, District Clerk, District Treasurer, District Lay Representative, and District Clergy Representative.

a. District Coordinator

- (1) The District Coordinator shall be elected to a four year term at the autumn District Conference in odd numbered years.
- (2) The duties of the District Coordinator shall be to:
 - (a) provide spiritual direction and guidance, (b) act as Moderator at all District Conferences and meetings, (c) represent the District as a member of the the UFMCC General Council, (d) represent the General Council within the District, (d) coordinate and administer the work of the District in achieving its purposes, and (e) assure, with the approval of the District Committee, that every church within the District is supplied with pastoral leadership. It shall be the right and duty of the District Coordinator, or any representative whom the District Coordinator may delegate, to visit all churches within the District at least once a year. The District Coordinator shall also serve as the chair of the District Committee.
- (3) To enable an orderly transfer of leadership/resources, the outgoing District Coordinator will meet at least once within the first month of the new District Coordinator's term for transference of records and training at the District expense.

b. Assistant District Coordinator

- (1) An Assistant District Coordinator shall be elected to a two year term at the autumn District Conference in odd numbered years.
- (2) The Assistant District Coordinator assumes the chair at meetings of the District Conference or District Committee in the absence of the District Coordinator or at the District Coordinator's request. The Assistant District Coordinator shall perform other duties as deemed appropriate by the District Coordinator and/or the District Committee.

c. District Clerk

- (1) The District Clerk shall be elected to a two year term at the autumn District Conference in even numbered years.
- (2) The District Clerk shall be responsible for: (a) the recording and expeditious distribution of the minutes of the District business meetings to all voting members of the previous District Conference, including the District Committee and the Church Leadership Committee meetings (confidentiality applies only to discussion, not decision or actions), (b) for maintaining current lists of district committees and mailing lists, and (c) for keeping orderly files of District records and pertinent materials including District statistical information.
- (3) The District Clerk shall also be responsible for correspondence and other duties as deemed appropriate when mandated by the District Coordinator or the District Committee.

d. District Treasurer

- (1) The District Treasurer shall be elected to a two year term at the autumn District Conference in even numbered years.
- (2) The District Treasurer shall be responsible for: (a) the receipt and safekeeping of all funds of the District, (b) the disbursing of funds as directed by the District Committee and in accordance with the budget adopted by the District Conference, (c) the keeping of accurate books of all accounts payable and accounts receivable, (d) the preparation of a monthly statement report which shall be sent to the District Coordinator and filed in the district records, and (e) the preparation of a quarterly statement report which shall be sent to members of the District Committee, to all district congregations through the clergy and lay delegates, and to the General Council. The District Treasurer shall present a financial report at each District Conference.

e. District Lay Representative

- (1) The Lay Representative of the District shall be elected for a two year term by the lay delegates present at the autumn District Conference in odd numbered years and confirmed by the Conference floor. A separate election for the Alternate Lay

Representative will then be held at the same conference and confirmed by the Conference floor.

- (2) The District Lay Representative shall serve as the elected lay representative to the UFMCC Commission on Laity. The responsibilities of the Lay Representative shall include (a) educating and informing the laity on the function and activities of lay persons within this District by speaking/preaching, visiting, distributing printed materials, (b) acting as an advocate for the interests of the District's laity, and (c) serving as a member of the District Committee.

f. Clergy Representative

- (1) The Clergy Representative of the District shall be elected for a two year term by the clergy present at the autumn District Conference in even numbered years and confirmed by the Conference floor. A separate election for the Alternate Clergy Representative will then be held at the same conference and confirmed by the Conference floor.
- (2) The duties of the Clergy Representative will be to act as an advocate for the interests of the clergy in the district and to serve on the District Committee .

2. Responsibilities

The District Committee shall carry out the following responsibilities:

- a. propose a budget to the District Conference each year (autumn) and implement such a budget effective January 1 subsequent to when adopted;
- b. establish a procedure for formulating and distributing a tentative agenda to be mailed to all delegates, District Officers, and congregations at least thirty (30) days prior to the Conference;
- c. establish and make appointments to District committees and task forces;
- d. carry out the directives of the District Conference and of the General Conference as appropriate;
- e. act upon petitions for commissioning and chartering based upon the recommendations by the Church Leadership Committee according to the procedures established by the District Conference;

- f. foster growth and development of new works within the District.
- g. name the Board(s) of Trustees of any property acquired by the District,
- h. perform other duties as specified in the UFMCC By-laws, the District Standard Operating Procedures, and/or the District Church Status Standards, and

C. District Liaisons

- 1. One District Liaison will be appointed by the District Coordinator (approved by the District Committee) for every five (5) congregations in the district.
- 2. The duties of the District Liaisons are: (a) facilitation of unity among the congregations, (b) representation of the District in local congregational matters, (c) front-line intercession, and (d) representation of local congregational matters to the District Committee.
- 3. The District Liaisons are ex-officio members of the District Committee.

D. District Representatives to UFMCC Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Institutions

1. General Council

- a. The District Coordinator shall represent the District on the General Council of UFMCC as specified in the UFMCC By-laws. (Article V D 3)
- b. The election and responsibilities of the District Coordinator are as specified in the District Standard Operating Procedures. (Article V B 1 a)

2. Commission on the Laity

- a. The District Lay Representative shall represent the District on the Commission on the Laity as specified in the UFMCC By-laws. (Article V C 3 b (4))
- b. The election and responsibilities are as specified in the District Standard Operating Procedures. (Article V B 1 e)

3. UFMCC Commission of Faith, Fellowship, and Order

- a. The District shall elect one Lay and one Clergy Representative to the UFMCC Commission of Faith, Fellowship, and Order, and their alternates, for two

year terms at the District Conference business meeting immediately following General Conference.

- b. Representatives shall attend Commission meetings whenever possible, present FFO Workshops at District meetings when workshops are available, and serve this District as required by the Commission.

4. Third World Ministries.

- a. The District shall elect a Third World Ministries Representative and an alternate for two year terms at the District Conference business meeting immediately following General Conference.
- b. The Representative shall attend meetings whenever possible, share information with the District and provide workshops when available to the District.

5. Elders Nominating Committee.

- a. The District shall elect one Lay and one Clergy Representative to the Elders Nominating Committee, and their alternates, at the business meeting immediately prior to General Conference for terms expiring at the end of the election of the Elders.
- b. Prior to General Conference, these Representatives shall collect input from District congregations on possible nominees for the Board of Elders.

E. All District Committee members, District Representatives, and appointed or elected staff must be members in good standing of local church bodies within the District during their term of office. The discipline of these positions shall be in accordance with the provisions of the UFMCC By-laws. (Article V C 2 c)

F. No District officer or representative may hold more than one District position at any one time.

G. All District Committee Officers shall submit written reports on the fulfillment of their duties which will be included in the conference packets.

H. Vacancies

- 1. If a vacancy occurs in the office of District Coordinator, the Assistant District Coordinator will serve as Acting District Coordinator until the next District Conference at which time an election shall be held to fill the unexpired term.

2. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Assistant District Coordinator, the District Committee shall appoint an interim Assistant District Coordinator to serve until the next District Conference at which time an election shall be held to fill the unexpired term.
3. If a vacancy occurs in the office of District Clerk, the District Committee shall appoint an interim District Clerk to serve until the next regularly scheduled District Conference at which time a person shall be elected to fill the remainder of the regular term of office.
4. If a vacancy occurs in the office of District Treasurer, the District Committee shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next regularly scheduled District Conference at which time a person shall be elected to fill the remainder of the regular term of office.
5. If a vacancy occurs in the office of District Lay Representative, District Clergy Representative, District FFO Representative, or District Third World Ministries Representative, the person who is the alternate representative shall fill the remainder of the term. An alternate representative will be elected at the next District Conference. Should both the position of representative and alternate be vacant, the District Committee shall appoint a representative. The appointment shall stand until the next District Conference.
6. If a vacancy occurs in the position of Representative to the Elders Nominating Committee, Alternate Lay/Clergy Representatives shall fill the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

- A. The District Conference shall be held twice a year, one in the spring and one in the autumn, dates to be set at least 18 months in advance. The spring conference may be primarily for fellowship and spiritual renewal; the autumn conference shall also include elections and business.
- B. The place of the spring conference shall be determined at the previous spring conference. The place of the autumn conference shall be determined at the previous autumn conference.
- C. Special District Conferences may be called as specified in the By-laws of UFMCC (Article IX B). The call of such a conference shall specify the date and place of the meeting and the subject(s) to be considered. It shall be the responsibility of the District Clerk to provide thirty (30) days written notice of such a call to all voting members of the District Conference. Only business specified in the call of the meeting shall be considered.

- D. A quorum shall consist of no less than fifty-five (55) percent of all eligible clergy and fifty-five (55) percent of all eligible lay delegates of the District. An eligible lay delegate is a person from a church whose District and UFMCC tithes, that are due by the 10th of the month preceding the Conference, have been received by the respective District treasurer and the UFMCC treasurer, postmarked by the 10th of that month. Exceptions can be made by the District Conference on a good faith effort.
- E. The program and tentative agenda for all District Conferences must be approved and distributed by the District Committee 30 days prior to the conference. (GLAD SOP'S Article V B 2)
- F. Rules of procedure at a District Conference business meeting shall be those of the most recent General Conference of UFMCC. It shall be the prerogative of the moderator, unless overruled by a majority vote of the eligible voting delegates, to permit persons to speak to an issue even if they are not elected representatives of the District church bodies or UFMCC clergy affiliated with the District.
- G. The District Coordinator shall have the responsibility of providing reasonable opportunity for the introduction of new business from the floor except at a Special District Conference.
- H. The proposed budget of the District must be distributed by the District Committee not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the District Conference.
- I. All UFMCC clergy who are members of local church bodies in the District shall be entitled to speak and to vote. Each church shall be entitled to the number of voting delegates according to the By-laws of UFMCC (Article V B 4) and the District Coordinator shall have voice and vote in his/her respective house.
- J. Lay members of UFMCC shall be eligible for election to any office of the District for which they are qualified, in accordance with the UFMCC By-laws (Article V C 3) and District Standard Operating Procedures.
- K. The costs of a District Conference shall be borne by the District which may recoup any or all of these costs through a registration fee. The District will be responsible for paying the portion of registration costs, housing, transportation, and per diem of its District Committee members which are not the prior responsibility of a local church body. This will be put into effect gradually with the District being responsible in the Fall of 1986, for registration and transportation costs of the District Committee members. In the Spring of 1987, the District will pay registration, transportation, and housing costs. In the Fall of 1987, the District will pay the

registration, transportation, housing and per diem costs of its District Committee members.

- L. With the exception of the Sunday worship service, all offerings shall be collected immediately by the District Treasurer and shall be considered District funds. Profits realized through the sales of books and/or items by any congregation belong to the congregation offering the item(s).
- M. All conference materials, agendas, budgets, reports, etc., shall be mailed to all non-voting conference registrants who register fourteen days prior to the conference. Voting delegates will receive their packets thirty (30) days in advance. District newsletters and Treasurer's reports are not included in conference materials. These items are to be photocopied by the lay representative and made available to each member of their local congregation upon receipt (monthly and quarterly respectively).

ARTICLE VII. FINANCES

- A. Each congregation is required to contribute to the District, on a monthly basis, a minimum of five (5) percent of all collected funds, except recognized designated funds in accordance with the UFMCC By-laws (Article X B) by the 10th of each month. These monies will be used by the District to help expand Christian outreach and defray District administrative costs.
- B. When conducting official District business; housing costs, per diem, and travel costs of the District Coordinator, the Assistant District Coordinator, or other persons officially representing the District shall be paid on the basis of either actual cost of plane, train, bus, or mileage at the current IRS business mileage rate or that reasonable amount approved through the budgeting process of the District. Such costs shall be reimbursed only if approved in advance by the District Conference, the District Committee, or by the District Coordinator.

ARTICLE VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Permanent District files shall be maintained in the custody of the District Coordinator and the District Clerk.
- B. The District Coordinator shall appoint a Parliamentarian for each District business session.
- C. It is the policy of this District, whenever possible, to maintain a parity of clergy and laity, with geographic representation, inclusive of differently abled, race and gender on committees, task forces, and working groups.
- D. Neither the District Coordinator office nor local chartered church offices may be in private homes. No local church

address may be a private home.

- E. Monthly statistical reports shall be submitted to the District Treasurer by the 10th of each month.

ARTICLE IX. APPROVAL AND AMMENDMENTS OF THESE POWERS

- A. These Standard Operating Procedures shall come into effect when they are adopted by the District Conference on an interim basis and finalized when ratified by the General Council. Two-thirds of the voting clergy and two-thirds of the voting laity shall be necessary to adopt these Standard Operating Procedures.
- B. These Standard Operating Procedures may be amended or repealed on an article-by-article basis at any duly convened meeting of the District Conference. They shall be proposed in writing and distributed to all voting delegates at least thirty (30) days prior to the District Conference by any District Officer, any UFMCC credentialed clergy, any lay delegate, or the Board of any local church group. To be adopted, any amendment or change to these procedures must be approved by two-thirds of the voting clergy and two-thrds of the voting laity. Amendments become effective when ratified by the General Council.



METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH AT MOBILE

1600 Center Street, Mobile, Alabama 36604

Rev. MARGE RAGONA

Pastor

(205) 476-9142

August ²³~~18~~, 1987

Ms. Mary Moore
District Coordinator, GLAD
P.O. Box 66101
Birmingham, AL. 35210-0101

Dear Mary:

I received your phone message last week and have been trying to find a way to get a message to you ever since. I have left messages with the Birmingham church and with Rev. Lynn Guerra (on her machine), attempting to answer the question you pose. I hope this letter reaches you, since you are obviously in transition and I am not sure how else to do it.

After discussion with my administrative council and with various members of the church, we must regretfully pass on the September 22nd date which you propose. First, absolutely nothing will be going on in the church that night. As you can see from the enclosed newsletter, our Tuesday night series on "Homosexuality and the Bible" ends September 8th. Our next 6 week series, "Encountering God" does not begin until October 6th, as part of our fall kick-off week. Additionally, Jim Ferels of the National AIDS Network will be in town that week and I have already agreed to spend time with him discussing the needs of our AIDS program here in Mobile.

It has been well over two years since a District Coordinator has visited Mobile, and the church had hoped that we could make it a festive weekend, possibly during our Fall Kick-Off Week (one of our two celebratory weeks-- the other being our anniversary). You were here two years ago during that week, representing the district, as our ADC. This year we will be celebrating that week in October with our usual Saturday night party, a celebratory service on Sunday, and the beginning of our fall programming (new Bible Study series, new rap topics, etc.) starting Friday night with a potluck and movie, our annual kickoff party and showing of "God, Gays and the Gospel", and on through the week with special events. Friday, October 2nd begins and it ends Thursday the 8th. If you choose to come some time during that week we would be happy to have you, particularly if you could come either Friday or Saturday or be our preacher on Sunday.

For our third anniversary in the spring, by the way, Rev. Jimmy Brock will be coming over from Orlando. He and I attended So. Baptist Seminary at ^{N.O.}~~N.O.~~ at the same time and I think that will be an exciting week for us, too.

Mobile is growing. Actually we have grown over the summer, with 7 in our current new members' class. We have also begun a Deacon's training program which will start this Thursday. In September, we begin to hold one day a week (afternoons) for PWAs at the new building, with luncheon and a social afternoon -- with a psychologist available for informal chats and problems should they arise.

Regards,

Marge

*Ordinarily, Our best time to be
reached is Sat. & Sun.
morning - Next week, 10/21-30*

Sept 20, 1981

Dear Bob,

Forgive the short notice, but yes, we would love to have you for the weekends of Oct 2-3rd.

Please preach for us! We use the common
dictionary and by my copy the scripture for that day
is a choice of ^{O.T.} Ruth 4:7-17, Amos 5:18-24 or Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10
and ^{EPIST.} I Thess. 4:13-18 and either ^{GOSPEL} Matthew 23:1-12 or Matt. 25:1-13.

This gives you plenty of leeway to pick and choose.

We are having a potluck Friday (and a movie), a party
Saturday - a showing of "God, Gays & the Gospel" and
then church Sunday evening.

We will house & feed you, etc. (and probably have
an honorarium). Come & celebrate with us - we
will also have completed our commissioned
church packet by then and would be glad to
have you look that over. Do you need to
see financial records, etc ?? We have not
had the joy of an inquiry into our affairs since
our founding and welcome you to look over
our books and advise us on future progress.
Bless you for saying you'd come!

Love

Marge

Sorry This isn't more formal. I ran out of
typewriter ribbon doing the bulletin & the store
isn't open on Sunday where we get them. I wanted
you to get my answer as timely as possible.
M.

Send us time of arrival, etc., please, so
we can meet you.

Rev. Elder Charlie Arehart (MCC Denver) was re-elected - having not been an Elder for four years. Mr. Larry Rodriguez from Los Angeles was elected to fill the remaining two years of Michael Mank's term who resigned earlier this year.

There was only one nominee each for chair and asst. chair of the COL, so Gary McCrosky from Los Angeles and Rich Johnson of Phoenix were elected. On Sunday the 19th, the COL conducted a workshop for Lay Delegates intended to educate primarily those delegates who were attending their first General Conference. I was pleased to see several of our Delegates there-even some "veterans". It was very well done, and I have brought this workshop back with me, so it may be of value to us on the district some day. So much of the remaining time that week seemed to revolve around the proposed changes on the Clergy Manual, and if/how the COL would/could/should impact on those proposed changes. There was a significant group of people who felt that it was important to have Lay involvement in the process of either the initial credentialing of clergy or the review of clergy when it comes time to re-license, or both. Just sit and ponder for a moment the complexities of all that - with both clergy and Lay people having some strong opinions on various aspects. It was also quite obvious from the beginning of conference that the changes to the Clergy Manual as proposed didn't stand a chance of passing "as is" so in comes the question of what modifications will be made, will the proposal be divided into parts to be voted upon separately, and if so where will the divisions be made? And then, again, come the question of where do Lay people fit in this process, if indeed we do fit.

To make a week long story short, sweet and to the point, much of the proposed changes were referred back for more work, but the Conference did create and empower, the new CCCC as a policy making and review body and also empowered more district input into the whole process by enlarging the scope and responsibilities of the District Clergy Review Committee.

Keep in mind over the next two years much will be done to "clean up", and re-define, and clarify the concepts presented in Miami. Much has yet to be done, much was done. Lay involvement in either the CCCC or DCRC was soundly defeated on the conference floor, but I believe not out of a desire to keep Lay people from that process, but more a question of where do Lay people properly fit into that process?

The Board of Pensions report was accepted, which included increases on both the amount that churches are assessed per member as well as the amount that clergy are assessed to be vested. Each church body will pay 50¢ per member in 1988, 60¢ per member in 1989, and 75¢ per member in 1990. The clergy now pay \$5.00 per month to be a member, that will increase to \$6.00 per month in 1988, \$7.00 per month in 1989, and \$8.00 per month in 1990, \$9.00 in 1991, and \$10.00 in 1992.

World Church Extension announced a major funding program to better enable WCE to extend its outreach. Individual churches will be sent additional information on this program, but I think it significant to note that we are a denomination on the move and that there is a desperate need for our outreach in many places all over the planet. One of the questions facing MCC is what do we do with a group of Gay and Lesbian Christians worshipping in South Africa who want to join MCC in light of the Apartheid government there and our fellowship's policy regarding Apartheid?

There were several proposals for By-Law changes. Those that passed include: The term "worship coordinator" was replaced by the word "Pastoral Leader" in all the places in which those terms are used: Article III C.2, Article IV A.2.c.2, Article IV A.2.e.2, and Article IV B.2.c.

Article XII C. added the following paragraph: Compliance With National Laws: If UFMCC By-Laws are not in compliance with National Laws, the General Conference may approve revisions to these By-Laws applicable to church bodies within such national boundaries. Note: This simply replaces a section from previous UFMCC By-Laws that had been inadvertently excluded in the last revision.

Article VI A.2 was amended by adding the words "and the District Conference".

Article V B.2 b was amended by deleting the words "and the Senior Chaplain of Spiritual Life and Clergy Care Center."

And that is to the best of my memory and notes, the major points that were covered at General Conference. I cannot emphasize to you enough to start planning now for conferences to come. See if you can work \$25 a month into your church's budget to help build a conference fund for both District and General Conferences. I personally believe that it is incumbent upon delegates to organize at least one fund-raiser a year to help build a conference fund. That doesn't mean that you alone must do all the work - ask others to help you.

Just know that those of you who were not able to make Miami really missed a wonderful week. The business sessions went smoothly. There were no "blood lettings". Debate was polite, thoughtful, and educational.

Our next General Conference is in Minneapolis in July of 1989 - Please plan to be there!

See you in Huntsville!


Loyal B. Charles

Sept. 11, 1987

Dear Lay Delegates:

This letter comes to you late and with my apologies for being so late. Since conference I've had minor surgery, going through a job search (and changing jobs Sept. 1), and searching out a site for our fall District Conference. But now that all of those matters are settled or well along to getting that way, I really do need to get this note in the mail.

First, speaking of our Fall District Conference, we've had to move from our intended DuBois Retreat Center north of Chattanooga because of a mix-up regarding our reservation for that week-end. I've made many phone calls to them to see if the matter could be resolved, but to no avail. We are welcome, but they booked another group that weekend also, and it was a matter of (their) left hand not knowing what (their) right hand was doing. I'm well aware that the intent of last Spring's District Conference was that we meet in a camp/conference type setting. I called several church affiliated and private camps/resorts/conference centers. Some wouldn't allow a group of Gay and Lesbian Christians to meet there. Others would welcome us, but were already booked. One would welcome us, had the time available, but was in the process of trying to sell the lodge in which we would have our meetings and meals - and couldn't guarantee that we could use the lodge if it were sold. (Can't you just see our group on a cold, windy, rainy Saturday in the North Georgia mountains trying to conduct business and eat under a pitched circus tent??) (I simply cannot.)

ANYWAY, the church in Huntsville, Alabama graciously extended an invitation to meet there and Mary and I decided that it would be a perfectly wonderful thing to do, so we are. We have blocked rooms at the Park Inn in Huntsville for November 6-8. Mary will be sending out detailed packets soon with registration materials, etc.. but I'm confident that we will have a good conference and will try for a camp/retreat center again. Do strongly encourage your members to attend - remember Huntsville is one of our newest congregations and we are anxious to show them how GLAD we really are.

The purpose of this letter is primarily for those Lay Delegates from churches that were unable to send them to General Conference in Miami. The District sent me as the Lay Representative, and I was honored and pleased to represent the District, I also feel it my responsibility to report to you.

As always, the preaching, singing and special music was wonderful. I'm not going to attempt to repeat here those messages, but the tapes of the sermons are - I believe still available from the fellowship office, as is a video highlights tape. If you really would like to hear some of the sermons or get a glimpse of what it was all about, these would be the best option.

This note is primarily to inform you of the goings-on in the business sessions of which you and your congregation need to be aware.

There were four Elders positions up for election. Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson and Rev. Elder Don Eastman were re-elected. Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey was not.



Metropolitan Community Church

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7/2/87

These are the deaconate forms
that were discussed at District
Conference. Sorry for delay in
getting them out.

Bob

DEACON RESUME

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ - _____ Birthdate (month/day/year): _____

CURRENT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

Location: _____ Date of membership: _____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (start with current and work back):

Employer Location Position From/To

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

ACADEMIC HISTORY:

High School/location _____ Graduation date _____

College/University/Seminary:

Name Location Dates Major credits/degree

1					
2					
3					

Other post-High School Training/study: (Indicate area of study, description of program, dates, residential/correspondence, etc.)

UFMCC EXPERIENCE:

Church Location Position Dates

DEACON VERIFICATION AND EVALUATION FORM

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

AREA OF STUDY	DATE	INSTRUCTOR	COMMENTS
Homosexuality & Scripture			
Theology & Practice of Communion			
UFMCC, GLADistrict, & Local Polity			
UFMCC Statement of Faith			
Inclusivity			
(optionals) Hospital Vistation			
Peer Counseling			
Worship			
(others)			

AREAS OF MINISTRY:

STRENGTHS IN MINISTRY:

PERCEIVED WEAKNESSES OR LIMITATIONS IN MINISTRY:

(Signature of Supervising Pastor)

(Date)

December 23, 1987

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I'm sorry that I have been slow in getting out this letter that was requested at the District Conference. I had intended to compose and write it at the beginning of December, but sometimes emergencies come up and things get delayed.

At the beginning of December, about the 6th or 7th, I was contacted by the county Social Services Department and asked if I could help them place a child whose mother had AIDS and was born HIV test positive. Thus began another search, I was contacted once before, for someone to care for this little boy who was born on November 9th. This is the third child in the Charlotte area born HIV test positive. After much work with the Department I am happy to announce that the child was delivered to its 'residential care facility' yesterday (they no longer call them foster homes) yesterday. He is a beautiful little boy--7 pounds 10 ounces and very healthy--especially his lungs.

This might be an area that some of you would like to become involved in if this is beginning to become an issue in your areas. Most of the time Social Services will make all kinds of exceptions to the normal routine for becoming 'foster parents' for these children--cutting down the investigations and the requirements and often going directly to court to have a judge order the child placed into the home without any licensing at all. Practically all that they require, at least here, in this case is that the person is healthy (breathing and heart beating) and that the person has no criminal record. The only other thing is child care--most day care centers will not accept these children. We at the church have volunteered to help with that problem.

As this holiday season is already upon us I wish to wish all of you a belated Merry Christmas and the most joyous of times for the New Year! I also want to remind you to take time for YOURSELVES! I would like to share with you a story that appeared in the January/February 1981 issue of IN UNITY. It was included in an article by the Rev. Dusty Pruitt called "Caring for Yourself."

"Burnout is like the Big Apple Tree. Some people came by one day and asked it if they could have its apples. 'Sure,' it replied. So the people took all the apples. Then, the squirrels came by and asked it for its leaves for their nests. The apple tree, good naturedly, gladly gave the leaves away. Stripped bare, it was still strong and healthy. But some other people came by and asked for its limbs for some firewood.

The apple tree gave its limbs away, for it was glad to keep people warm. Then some other people asked for its trunk to make some coffee tables. The apple tree sighed but gave them its trunk to make the tables. Finally, someone bought the property on which the apple tree sat. The owner passed the tree and remarked on its ugliness. The next day a person came by with a bulldozer and uprooted the stump. "Did you get that good-for-nothing stump out of the ground?" the owner asked the bulldozer operator. 'Yep,' replied the bulldozer operator, 'ain't nothing left there but a huge hole in the ground.' The moral: The

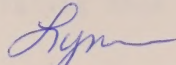
apple tree gave its all for others and then was uprooted as 'good-for-nothing' because it had nothing left to give! This is Burnout!"

Please remember this story you are tempted to give that last little bit that you have left!

I would appreciate hearing from all of you--let me know what you would like to know about, hear about, learn about via the letters to each of you. I would welcome your input!

May God continue to bless your ministries!

In Christ's Service,



Lynn

P.S. I have not yet worked out any kind of schedule for visiting any of the churches or which churches I will visit and which ones Loyal will visit. If you have some special date in mind please let me know as soon as possible. I will be going on vacation July 16th and returning August 1st so those dates are not good.

cc: Mary Moore
Loyal Charles

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

6 November 87

Committee Members in Attendance: Mary Moore, Rev. Bob Galloway, Dennis Luft, Rev. Lynn Guerra, Loyal Charles, Nancy Gunn and Mary Allen Watson

The meeting was opened and closed with prayer.

The committee opened the meeting by discussing various churches in the district and their current status.

Blessed Redeemer

Rev. Bruce Hill is resigning from the church effective 12/31/87.

Phenix City

Problems have arisen regarding the purchase of a building without District Committee approval and other internal problems.

- ACTION
- Close New Light MCC
 - Recommend the church reopen under a new name
 - Approve Brinda Ross and Frank Connelly as co-pastors
 - Send Letter to members clarifying situation
 - Send contract for new group to sign co-signed by District Committee

MCC Charlotte

- ACTION Send letter to UFMCC affirming their charter status

MCC Greenville

ACTION Send letter approving their request to cut the District allotment from \$50 to \$25. Clarify that the former Memphis member will have to go through membership classes and not transfer membership

St. Joan of Arc

ACTION Approve \$350.00 to help with moving expenses of Rev. Jim Martin

ACTION In the future the District Committee will only consider requests for aid for pastors moving to a church in GLAD when the request is made prior to the calling of the pastor; there will be a \$500.00 ceiling on moving supplements.

Gulfport, MS

ACTION Send letter to Rev. Sam Edelman-Richard clarifying MCC Jackson's role if Gulfport becomes a Parish Extension of their church

Augusta, GA

- ACTION
- Approve Augusta as a feasibility study
 - the District Committee will teach 4 feasibility study classes in August
 - Defer the decision on Mickey Hinson's student clergy supervision until January, 1988
 - Send a contract for the group to co-sign with the District Committee once they complete the feasibility study classes

Mobile

ACTION Approve commissioned status

Huntsville

ACTION Approve commissioned status with changes in pastor's contract to include paying for all of clergy conference and in SOPS, 4b2 refer to UFMCC article, 5d3 add a section on moderator

Montgomery

ACTION Have Montgomery redo: SOPS, Goals and contract to include (health insurance and clergy conference); after completion of these items resubmit to District Committee for consideration of commissioned status



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Assistant District Coordinator's Report

Very little has been done in the past year by the Assistant District Coordinator. I visited the congregation in Johnson City, have sat down and visited with a couple of district clergy, shared by phone with a number of persons from the district, and attended the District Committee meetings. My interests and energy were directed to other areas of my ministry.

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert Galloway

P.S. Bob will be conducting the district visit to Mobile the weekend of October 4th.



Gulf Lower Atlantic District UFMCC

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September 17, 1987

Dear Members and Friends,

The last two years have been exciting, frustrating, inspirational, stretching, etc. The consistent word would be "challenging." I have learned that I have much to learn (yet) about being the most effective, efficient Coordinator that I can be.

Of the truths that have been learned, one prominent thought is that it is not wisdom to elect a District Coordinator who intends to continue serving a local pastorate. Although, by definition, the district job is not full-time, if it is to be done well and the office is to be a useful resource, it is necessary that the person serving have a single focus to their ministry. Do not misinterpret this to be an advertisement for a raise--it is not. However, for whomsoever should succeed me serving this office, it would be good use of knowledge to be prepared (in 2 years) for a fully-paid D.C. That is not a goal beyond our reach.

The lesson learned from all of the travel to churches is that we are not always making good use of our time together. Recommendation: All district trips (scheduled ones) be 2-3 days long with workshop, congregational forum, time with staff/Board (whatever useful design/topic the church chooses or is mandated by Fellowship changes), and worship planned. A possible schedule would be: Saturday a.m., 10-2:00-Workshop with BOD/Staff, pot luck supper (with congregation) followed by songfest and congregational forum. Sunday's schedule remains the same.

With the lessening of responsibilities since my resignation in Birmingham, scheduling should be significantly easier. If your local church has a special weekend in its yearly calendar during which you'd like this visit, please bring your '88 date with you to conference.

It has now been two years since the Atlanta (September) election. June and I have made twenty-seven (27) church visits (including 2 to Columbia and one to Asheville) plus the four District Conferences. Representing the district at Fellowship functions has sent me/or us to Los Angeles for four General Council meetings, one division meeting for Program & Budget, and for the planning meeting for the UFMCC AIDS Task Force. Our last trip was to Miami for General Conference. Air travel, according to the airlines, has totaled approximately 30,000 miles. Adding the travel by car, we are near the 60,000 mile-mark.

We leave in the morning for the last long trip (internal district work) of this 85-87 season. We will be visiting Jackson, MS., Phenix City (specially-called congregational meeting for receipt of the pastor's resignation, appointment of new leadership), Birmingham (worship & Holy Union), and Montgomery (installation of pastor, Rev. Liz Leech).

October will find us in Knoxville, Washington, D.C. (8-day trip--March and General Council V), and Nashville. That will take us to the week before conference in Huntsville. (The mileage for these trips is not yet computed.)

Combining this work with the local pastorate of Covenant MCC for all but the last month-and-a-half, has sometimes been a successful juggling act and sometimes not. I shared with the CLC last April my sense of

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frustration that neither ministry was flourishing to the degree that was possible. I do believe that Birmingham has a great future and that they are on that road already. I also believe that GLAD has a great ministry to accomplish and believe that we are also on that road. There are many people yet to be reached and much ministry to do and I thank God that this is the path we will walk together.

GLAD's Good News is something that we will share together on Saturday night of the conference. Wait 'til you here some of our growth marks! It has been eye-opening and humbling to realize what all has been accomplished and what blessings received!

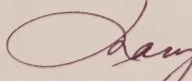
The important task before the district now is to ask the right questions: "How do you feel about this ministry? Where are you in all of this? What can we share that will make the load lighter on us all? What is the Fellowship to you? What do you need? What can you contribute? Are your spiritual needs being met? If not, how can they be addressed? Who can be useful in that process? What is your vision for your local church?" There are many other questions that we need to be prayerfully considering; these are just a few. These are questions that I will be asking at every opportunity--to pastors, congregations, and the friends of the church. The answers, hopefully, will reflect the mind of Christ and will provide our future direction.

Many of you over the last two years have troubled to reach out to both June and me. Your calls, cards, and remembrances have often been the very "lifts" that have gotten us through. We appreciate your faith in us and in our ministry. We thrive on your expressions of love and on the strength of your prayers for us. Thank you.

Please receive the pages of the newsletters sent to you over the last two years as progress reports and updates. My administrative goal for the next year is to decrease turn-around time and to increase communication with the district and Fellowship. The purpose is not to be a more successful paper-pusher but to care more effectively and to respond to need more efficiently.

I look forward to seeing you all in November. I hope you trust that you have my/our prayers...

Continuing
In Service with You,



Mary M. Moore
District Coordinator

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT—UFMCC
INCOME STATEMENT THROUGH AUGUST, 1967

CHURCH TITHES**	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	ANNUAL TOTALS
Birmingham (Covenant)	\$77.22	\$80.47	\$76.24	\$80.65	\$88.41	\$91.87	\$73.09	\$72.60					\$640.55
Huntsville	43.69	40.56	34.87	47.60	36.70	40.07	39.82	60.78					344.09
Mobile	27.50	28.33	54.40	36.04	45.61	47.25	48.56	43.18					330.87
Montgomery	28.46	23.57	21.56	28.10	15.19	25.33	32.95	17.05					192.21
Phenix City, AL - Columbus, GA (New Light)		4.78	17.43	20.66	19.70	21.76	22.25	36.95					143.53
Atlanta (All Saints) TITHES IN ARREARS			351.63	116.59	108.66	96.96	97.10						770.94
Atlanta (Blessed Redeemer) TITHES IN ARREARS	113.67			380.23									493.90
Jackson	35.80	36.06	36.65	164.59	42.35	56.62		90.48					462.55
Charlotte (MCC Charlotte)	101.98	79.92	108.66	101.30	111.24	110.80	211.25	90.81					915.96
Charlotte (New Life)	107.35	94.95	141.75	136.95	159.50	133.31	101.51	101.70					977.02
Greensboro (St. Mary's)	89.01	63.08	105.99	111.64	82.29	103.52	102.83	83.24					741.60
Raleigh (St. John's)	164.91	167.63	209.33	156.93	127.78	146.53	144.48	124.76					1,242.35
Charleston (St. Joan of Arc)	41.93	53.34	48.80	47.43	51.93	70.92	49.89	61.91					426.15
Greenville	21.67	16.02	28.34	35.01	30.71	48.15	39.93	39.54					259.37
Knoxville	60.94	53.62	66.49	79.78	61.91	63.56	66.62	57.00					509.92
Nashville		60.49	295.16	120.86	146.71	166.78	100.79	110.13					1,000.92
Tri-Cities	6.01	8.58	67.28	14.25	7.95	19.03	10.70	13.45					147.25
SUBTOTAL CHURCH TITHES **	\$920.14	\$811.40	\$1,664.58	\$1,678.61	\$1,136.64	\$1,242.46	\$1,141.77	\$1,003.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,599.18
NON-TITHE INCOME													
Money Market interest	20.25	16.24	16.48	10.92	10.92	10.68	10.12	6.00					101.61
Savings interest				15.55			33.97						49.52
Travel agency rebate		139.90											139.90
UFMCC travel pool refund			114.00										114.00
Balance of account in South Carolina bank			6.89										6.89
District Conference registrations & offering				2,277.00	40.00								2,317.00
Reimbursement of returned checks						30.00							30.00
Refund of hotel expense—General Conference							50.60						50.60
SUBTOTAL NON-TITHE INCOME	\$20.25	\$156.14	\$137.37	\$2,303.47	\$50.92	\$40.68	\$94.69	\$6.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,809.52
TOTAL INCOME	\$940.39	\$967.54	\$1,801.95	\$3,982.08	\$1,187.56	\$1,283.14	\$1,236.46	\$1,009.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,408.70

** PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL TITHES ARE CURRENT UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.
Blessed Redeemer—Last tithe paid was March tithe due April 10.
All Saints—Last tithe paid was June tithe due July 10.

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
EXPENSES PAID THROUGH AUGUST, 1987

BUDGET ITEMS	BUDGET AMOUNT	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	ANNUAL TOTALS
District Coordinator's Discretionary Fund	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00					4,400.00
Travel Exp.-District Off. (Dist. Travel)	125.00	157.50	115.00	175.00	45.00	145.00	325.00	48.75	0.00					1,011.25
Communications														
Telephone		96.45	98.95	106.29	26.45	132.05	132.35	106.90	47.44					746.88
Postage		8.01	0.00	17.06	6.54	27.58	0.00	0.00	0.00					59.19
Office Supplies		0.00	0.00	10.11	0.00	8.77	0.00	0.00	0.00					18.88
Printing & Photocopying		25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	37.12	25.00	25.00	0.00					187.12
Subtotal Communications	200.00	129.46	123.95	158.46	57.99	205.52	157.35	131.90	47.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,012.07
General Council Expenses-D.C.	75.00	0.00	218.00	0.00	0.00	406.70	0.00	279.77	0.00					904.47
District Reps. Travel (FFD, COL, etc.)	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					30.00
District Committee Expenses-Dist. Conf.	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	496.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					496.23
Dist. Comm. Meetings (Not During Dist. Conf.)	50.00	414.00	322.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					736.30
FICA Expense-District Employees	30.00	85.80	0.00	0.00	117.97	0.00	0.00	117.98	0.00					321.75
CRC Representative	25.00	0.00	0.00	218.00	470.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					688.22
District Secretarial Expenses	100.00	0.00	30.00	50.00	140.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					220.00
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$1,300.00	\$1,336.76	\$1,359.25	\$1,151.46	\$1,877.41	\$1,337.22	\$1,032.35	\$1,128.40	\$597.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,820.29
Non-Budget Items														
Supplement to MCC Greenville		0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00					300.00
Penalty/interest to Internal Revenue Service				2.99	(3.00)									(0.01)
Expenses charged to District Conference Account				292.79	836.20		9.00		16.45					1,154.44
Flowers sent to District members in hospital					69.55									69.55
District portion of Board of Elders' plaques						50.00								50.00
Returned checks from conference registrants						50.00								50.00
General Conf. housing, trans. and expenses-COL rep.						397.70	189.00	160.00						746.70
General Conf. housing & trans.-FFD reps.									374.14					
Airfare for pastoral candidate-Montgomery							208.00							208.00
General Conf. housing & trans.-Elders' Nom. Comm.							466.35							466.35
TOTAL NON-BUDGET EXPENSES		0.00	0.00	345.78	952.75	547.70	922.35	210.00	440.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,045.03
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$1,336.76	\$1,359.25	\$1,497.24	\$2,830.16	\$1,884.92	\$1,954.70	\$1,338.40	\$1,038.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,865.32
TOTAL INCOME		\$940.39	\$967.54	\$1,801.95	\$3,982.08	\$1,187.56	\$1,283.14	\$1,236.46	\$1,009.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,408.70
TOTAL EXPENSES		(1,336.76)	(1,359.25)	(1,497.24)	(2,830.16)	(1,884.92)	(1,954.70)	(1,338.40)	(1,038.03)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(12,865.32)
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES		(\$396.37)	(\$391.71)	\$304.71	\$1,151.92	(\$697.36)	(\$671.56)	(\$101.94)	(\$28.45)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$830.76)

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
ACCOUNT SUMMARY FOR AUGUST, 1987

	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES		(\$396.37)	(\$391.71)	\$304.71	\$1,151.92	(\$697.36)	(\$671.56)	(\$101.94)	(\$28.45)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISPOSITION OF EXCESS(DEFICIT)													
To increase(decrease) checking account		(416.62)	(407.95)	581.02	(315.35)	(350.58)	190.11	(36.63)	356.14				
To increase(decrease) money market account		20.25	(1,483.76)	16.48	10.92	(386.78)	(852.67)	1,400.72	(368.14)				
To increase(decrease) savings account		0.00	0.00	(292.79)	1,456.35	40.00	(9.00)	33.97	(16.45)				
To increase(decrease) outstanding loans account		0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,500.00)	0.00				
		(\$396.37)	(\$391.71)	\$304.71	\$1,151.92	(\$697.36)	(\$671.56)	(\$101.94)	(\$28.45)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Checking Account Balance	\$1,628.77	\$1,212.15	\$804.20	\$1,385.22	\$1,069.87	\$719.29	\$909.40	\$872.77	\$1,228.91				
Money Market Account Balance	4,525.41	4,545.66	3,061.90	3,078.38	3,089.30	2,702.52	1,849.85	3,250.57	2,882.43				
Savings Acct. (Dist. Conf. Fund) Balance	1,771.81	1,771.81	1,771.81	1,479.02	2,935.37	2,975.37	2,966.37	3,000.34	2,983.89				
Outstanding Loans to Member Churches	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00				
	<u>\$7,925.99</u>	<u>\$7,529.62</u>	<u>\$7,137.91</u>	<u>\$7,442.62</u>	<u>\$8,594.54</u>	<u>\$7,897.18</u>	<u>\$7,225.62</u>	<u>\$7,123.68</u>	<u>\$7,095.23</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
AUGUST, 1987

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$4,525.41	\$4,545.66	\$3,061.90	\$3,078.38	\$3,089.30	\$2,702.52	\$1,849.85	\$3,250.57				
INCOME:												
Money market interest	20.25	16.24	16.48	10.92	10.92	10.68	10.12	6.00				
Repayment of loan							1,500.00					
Refund of hotel expense--General Conference							50.60					
TOTAL INCOME	\$20.25	\$16.24	\$16.48	\$10.92	\$10.92	\$10.68	\$1,560.72	\$6.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EXPENSES:												
Loan to member church	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Conf. housing, trans. and expenses--COL rep.					397.70	189.00	160.00					
General Conf. housing & airfare--FFO reps.								374.14				
Airfare for pastoral candidate--Montgomery						208.00						
General Conf. housing & trans.--Elders' Nom. Comm.						466.35						
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$397.70	\$863.35	\$160.00	\$374.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$4,545.66	\$3,061.90	\$3,078.38	\$3,089.30	\$2,702.52	\$1,849.85	\$3,250.57	\$2,882.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
AUGUST, 1987

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$1,771.81	\$1,771.81	\$1,771.81	\$1,479.02	\$2,935.37	\$2,975.37	\$2,966.37	\$3,000.34				
INCOME:												
Interest				15.55			33.97					
Registrations of District Committee members				80.00								
Registrations and offering				2,197.00	40.00							
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,292.55	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$33.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EXPENSES:												
Postage & shipping charges--conference packets			92.79			9.00						
Hotel deposit			200.00									
Conference expenses not charged to general budget				836.20								
Telephone expenses to locate Fall, 1987 site								16.45				
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$292.79	\$836.20	\$0.00	\$9.00	\$0.00	\$16.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$1,771.81	\$1,771.81	\$1,479.02	\$2,935.37	\$2,975.37	\$2,966.37	\$3,000.34	\$2,983.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



Gulf Lower Atlantic District UFMCC

POB 1526, Elizabethton, TN 37644-1526

August 11, 1987

Dear District and UFMCC Friends,

Greetings from the new district office in the Tennessee mountains! This letter comes to you from the "outhouse" (exterior building) on the property where we now live. We are expecting a phone to be installed by the end of this week and are going to apply for our new post office box this afternoon. We think we have found the closest post office--.

On a personal note, things are looking up. The two earlier additions of the district newsletters both had calendars (original and "revised") that needed superceding as soon as they were typed. I have the originals of both of those letters should any of you want to see them; they'll be available at the next district conference.

The month of June brought several changes into our lives. The death of our All Saints pastor, Rev. Byron Hilbun, brought not only grief but change for us. As most of you know, June and I rented Byron's Birmingham home. We were there on a "verbal" understanding and had no lease so we found ourselves negotiating for two months "grace" in which to find a new home. We had originally planned to move from B'ham in December so we decided to move only once--and started searching immediately.

God worked wonders and matched our need for a new home with Christine Moore's (former Worship Coordinator of Tri-Cities MCC) need for renters. She is entering a Pharmacology program at Memphis State. We now have the time to search for our future home (one we will buy) and she has the assurance that her house will be well cared for (dangling preposition, I know).

Our B'ham family threw us a "Going-away party" and some of them helped us move (without which we would still be on the road). St. Mary's people tried to meet us to help us unload but our 8-hour trip turned into a 13-hour trip (wonderful truck!) and they had to go home worried about us (no way to call a picnic area...).

The long and short of it is that we are finally "installed" in our new home and have begun finding our way around. Praise God!

Are you ready for some Good News! Nancy and Mary Allen left the Miami conference to go to Guatemala and they brought back the long-awaited Thomas! He has already "grown" two new teeth, weighs 16-17 lbs. (6-months old), is keeping his parents up all hours, and is safely and happily home! God's Greatest Blessings on you two!

Rev. Marge Ragona has completed her Masters program! Congratulations, Marge! on fulfilling that educational goal! (How she has worked a secular job full-time, pastored MCC Mobile, and attended college--!)

Rev. June Norris is now a great-grandmother! Our prayers are with this new life and with your whole family.

Rev. Carol Dorman (yes, it's official!) has been accepted by the American Association of Pastoral Care and she and Cindy are packing for Flagstaff, Arizona. She will be entering a two-year post-graduate program. The news is all the more exciting because they received her credentials from UFMCC! We'll all be praying for you and will be awaiting news of your new lives.

Rev. Frank Lail and Jim Wylie will be leaving this month for a well-deserved vacation in Austria! We must all try not to be convicted of the sin of envy! Seriously, fellows, it couldn't be happening to nicer people!

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Rev. Paul Tucker has good news, too. He and Phillip had their Holy Union in July! Our prayers of blessing for you and your home go with you!

Our Phenix City and Mobile churches have both moved into new places of worship! We know that even greater ministry will be enabled by these moves.

MCC Montgomery has called the Reverend Elizabeth Leech (Topeka, KS) to be their new pastor. She and her spouse, Jean, will be arriving on August 25th. Welcome to our district and may God bless your move, your ministry, and the church!

August 17, 1987

Since I left this letter-writing June and I have been to Greensboro to meet Thomas, have had a family visit (Ma pronounced it "good") with June's mother and our friend, Cheryl, we've attended Tri-Cities and heard Christine Moore's "farewell address", and have gotten a new postal address for the district. Nancy and Cindy from Montgomery are due to arrive any moment for a 3-day visit. Oh, yes! Richard and Rick (Tri-Cities) came over for dinner Thursday night and we were privileged to help them celebrate their fourth anniversary.

Other than that--we've not done much.

This coming Sunday will take us to visit St. John's in Raleigh. We're looking forward to hearing God's message through Rev. June in person. Due to the incredible faithfulness of one of their members, Dori, we receive a weekly copy of the worship service there. Thank you for that feeding.

The following Sunday will find us visiting New Life, Charlotte. As most of you know, Rev. Art's car was stolen by a man he took in and for whom he was providing care. It has been "one of those times" for him lately but he is coming out from under now. The church moved from its space in the Union building to the Unitarian church on Sharon Amity because they needed more space. Art's office is across the street in an office building. We will be hearing the third in a series that Rev. Art's preaching on "Church Growth".

Our September schedule is tentatively planned to include four churches: Jackson, Mobile, Montgomery (installation of pastor), and Birmingham. Those dates are 19-27 September. We still need to schedule visits with Nashville and MCC Charlotte. I will be contacting you, Revs. Paul and Lynn, to set those visits.

I called Jackson last week and Hank informed me that Rev. Sam has been (still was) sick. She is battling the stomach virus that has hit so many people lately. Please pray for her speedy recovery.

For those of you who were not at General Conference, Papa John is doing well with his recovery from surgery. One of the side-effects of the cutting of the stomach muscles has been a weakening of the lower back which is causing leg numbness and pain. We continue in our prayers for you, Papa.

Randy Lowe and I spoke last week and this has been a rough time for his health. The latest transfusion has not helped his energy level and the medications that he must take have tremendous side-effects. He was hospitalized during an intended family-gathering in New Hampshire so he had to miss visiting with them as well. Please continue your prayers for both he and James.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE--The conference center in Chattanooga has chosen to cancel our reservation with them. Loyal has spoken with the NEW camp manager but could report no progress.

Plan B: Loyal has found a hotel in Huntsville, Alabama for \$32.00 @

Liaisons: Speaking of stewardship, we are still in need of people to fill openings in our Liaison program: By SOP, we have one person for every four-five churches allotted. We have only one person currently serving--Mary Allen. Specifically, we need people who are recognized district-wide as leaders from the Tennessee area, Georgia/South Carolina area, and Mississippi/Alabama area. Each person would be assigned four-five churches with whom they would develop relationships by phone, mail, and visitation. They would assist in the development of Buddy-church relationships and may even propose and implement sub-district retreats. If you have such a person in your congregation, please let me know.

Educational Scholarships: Countless workshop opportunities are available through seminaries, colleges, and other organizations. If we could finance sending one person to a seminar that they could then bring home and offer at a district conference, we could all benefit from that knowledge.

These are just a few of the ideas that have been born in me as I survey our district and its needs. There are others and they will come to you in the next newsletter (September).

You will be getting your Conference packets (delegates) within the next two weeks. Loyal is shipping the hotel pamphlets and info to me and I will be working on the rest. Look for it in the mail.

One last future idea: Conference Honorariums. Using Conference profits, can we plan to pay our speakers (key-note) in the future? Rev. Ken Martin worked on our CRC for two days, preached Saturday morning and taught a two-hour workshop that afternoon and received no compensation...

For now, we will close this letter with love and prayer to ^{for} you all. I will write more news-sharing to you next time.

*****The new district address is:

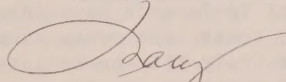
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Our new phone is not yet installed--next week.

***Please!!! Send monthly tithes to Dennis at the old address.

Send all other correspondence to the new address. Now that the District is the only ministry focus, a primary goal is cutting response time!

May God Bless, Jesus Redeem, and the Spirit Renew!


Mary M. Moore
District Coordinator

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room @ night, a banquet cost of \$5.95 @ plate, with free meeting rooms if we book 60 hotel nights (30 rooms Friday and Saturday). Other sites that we researched were Chattanooga and Greenville. Huntsville was, by far, the cheapest.

We have spoken with Rev. Janet about visiting in their city and she has told Loyal that our church there would love to have us. Hope that suits your plans! We are continuing to research for a conference center for our April '89 conference. Don't forget that our Autumn conference is scheduled for Charleston, South Carolina. The hotel has already been booked for us and that group is waiting on our arrival.

Rev. Don Eastman has accepted our invitation to be the Conference Speaker this time. He will be preaching Saturday morning and will teach a workshop on Church Growth. He will have to leave us that night to attend the Southwest Conference on Sunday...and I thought our traveling schedule was hectic!

August 22, 1987

Some of the future possibilities for our district will be discussed at Conference. Be thinking of programs/ideas that you believe we need to address as we look into where we are going. For your think tank:

Traveling Workshops: The District Committee members have informally discussed being available for workshops in churches. Each of us would prepare one or two topics that we see/you see could be useful and we would offer those when we visit/are asked to visit churches.

For example, the District Lay Rep could bring the Commission on Layity's Board of Directors workshop, the District Treasurer might offer Financial Accountability/Planning, the Assistant District Coordinator could concentrate on Conducting Retreats, the D.C. might do a congregational forum on Church Growth. There are a myriad of ideas--bring some with you.

Conference Themes: The District Committee has planned the next four conferences and they are all tied to one another. The upcoming conference is called, "Feeding the 5000"; and it's on Church Growth.

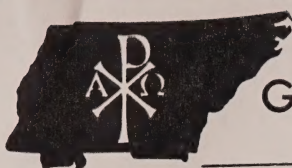
The following conference, April 29-May 1, 1988, Charleston, S.C., is called, "The Season of Harvest", and it's centering on GLAD's future. The Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson will be with us for that one.

November 4-6, 1988 will bring, "Casting Your Bread", which will be our Interdependent Giving (Circular Stewardship) theme.

More info on the fourth conference will be forthcoming.

Pastoral Salary Supplementation: Part of the original vision of bringing the District Conference back into district finances was the possibility of using these (and money-market funds) to subsidize salaries in churches that are truly tithing to potential. We granted Greenville's request for \$50.00 @ month to provide honorariums to visiting preachers; they had already raised their tithe 100% by the time they made their request. Tri-Cities will likely be in the same place by the end of the year and will need to be officially searching for a pastor. Phenix City may eventually need assistance and there are probably one or two other existing works that would qualify.

Please be in prayer about this; it is essential that we be good stewards of God's money and that we listen for God's will in the expenditure of these funds. We need to also consider ways to sustain these special funds if we are to count on them to help us do our ministry.



Gulf Lower Atlantic District UFMCC

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September 16, 1987

Dear GLAD friends,

Welcome to GLAD Conference V in Huntsville, Alabama! The congregation here and the District Committee want you to have one of the best weekends of your life!

Some of the highlights of the weekend will be us--getting back together with family and friends from all over the district and the Fellowship. Rev. Elder Donald Eastman, former pastor of MCC Dallas, and, currently the Treasurer of the Fellowship, will be our "Special Guest." You will get to hear him bring God's message on Saturday morning. He is also bringing his expertise on Church Growth to us.

When I called him the other day we began discussing the plans for the workshop and his enthusiasm was infectious. This is a workshop for all of us, not just for those in pastoral roles. He has lots of new information that he has not ever taught so this will be something for everyone--even those who have heard him speak on this topic.

Rev. Paul Tucker, Chair of the new District Clergy Review Committee formed by the revision of the C.C.C.C., will be bringing important information to our Clergy, Student Clergy, supervisors of Student Clergy, and any persons considering the Clergy. It will be necessary for all interested parties to arrive Thursday evening or early Friday (begins at 10:00 a.m.) to attend. Please plan to be there.

We are trying to arrange for video-taping of the the worship services and workshops. We hope to begin a tape library (audio and video) from which churches could borrow for educational and inspirational activities. We hope to be able to purchase resources that we cannot produce here (if a budget line can be entered).

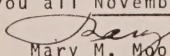
Rev. Lynn Guerra, Clergy Representative, will be facilitating a workshop for our pastors on Friday afternoon. The topic is "Church Cycles." This is taking place to accomodate the change in the Church Leadership Committee's role from administrative to support group and sharing.

Friday night, from 7-9:00, we will be having a Songfest. We want all of you to participate by bringing your favorite chorus (and musical instrument if you play) and by teaching it to our district.

Saturday night will be our banquet, parade of banners, and GLAD celebration. Don't forget your church banner. Papa John, bring the GLAD Banner with you; there are several churches competing to take that home!

Business is scheduled into a 2½-hour block (Beat the Clock!) but if we need more time, it is scheduled into Saturday late afternoon. Nothing has been received in the nature of proposals or agenda items from local churches so we should be able to finish business as planned.

I look forward to seeing you all November 6-8th!


Mary M. Moore
District Coordinator

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT—UFMCC
INCOME STATEMENT THROUGH JUNE, 1987

CHURCH TITHES**	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	ANNUAL TOTALS
Birmingham (Covenant)	\$77.22	\$80.47	\$76.24	\$80.65	\$88.41	\$91.87							\$494.86
Huntsville	43.69	40.56	34.87	47.60	36.70	40.07							243.49
Mobile	27.50	28.33	54.40	36.04	45.61	47.25							239.13
Montgomery	28.46	23.57	21.56	28.10	15.19	25.33							142.21
Phenix City, AL - Columbus, GA (New Light)		4.78	17.43	20.66	19.70	21.76							84.33
Atlanta (All Saints)			351.63	116.59	108.66	96.96							673.84
Atlanta (Blessed Redeemer) TITHES IN ARREARS	113.67			380.23									493.90
Jackson	35.80	36.06	36.65	164.59	42.35	56.62							372.07
Charlotte (MCC Charlotte)	101.98	79.92	108.66	101.30	111.24	110.80							613.90
Charlotte (New Life)	107.35	94.95	141.75	136.95	159.50	133.31							773.81
Greensboro (St. Mary's)	89.01	63.08	105.99	111.64	82.29	103.52							555.53
Raleigh (St. John's)	164.91	167.63	209.33	156.93	127.78	146.53							973.11
Charleston (St. Joan of Arc)	41.93	53.34	48.80	47.43	51.93	70.92							314.35
Greenville	21.67	16.02	28.34	35.01	30.71	48.15							179.90
Knoxville	60.94	53.62	66.49	79.78	61.91	63.56							386.30
Nashville		60.49	295.16	120.86	146.71	166.78							790.00
Tri-Cities	6.01	8.58	67.28	14.25	7.95	19.03							123.10
SUBTOTAL CHURCH TITHES **	\$920.14	\$811.40	\$1,664.58	\$1,678.61	\$1,136.64	\$1,242.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,453.83
NON-TITHE INCOME													
Money Market interest	20.25	16.24	16.48	10.92	10.92	10.68							85.49
Savings interest				15.55									15.55
Travel agency rebate		139.90											139.90
UFMCC travel pool refund			114.00										114.00
Balance of account in South Carolina bank			6.89										6.89
District Conference registrations & offering				2,277.00	40.00								2,317.00
Reimbursement of returned checks						30.00							30.00
SUBTOTAL NON-TITHE INCOME	\$20.25	\$156.14	\$137.37	\$2,303.47	\$50.92	\$40.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,708.83
TOTAL INCOME	\$940.39	\$967.54	\$1,801.95	\$3,982.08	\$1,187.56	\$1,283.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,162.66

** PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL TITHES ARE CURRENT UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.
Blessed Redeemer—April tithe due May 10 and May tithe due June 10
have not been received.

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
EXPENSES PAID THROUGH JUNE, 1987

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DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	(\$396.37)	(\$391.71)	\$304.71	\$1,151.92	(\$697.36)	(\$671.56)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	(416.62)	(407.95)	581.02	(315.35)	(350.58)	190.11						
	20.25	(1,483.76)	16.48	10.92	(386.78)	(852.67)						
	0.00	0.00	(292.79)	1,456.35	40.00	(9.00)						
account	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						
	(\$396.37)	(\$391.71)	\$304.71	\$1,151.92	(\$697.36)	(\$671.56)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$1,638.77	\$1,212.15	\$904.20	\$1,385.22	\$1,069.87	\$719.29	\$909.40						
4,525.41	4,545.66	3,061.90	3,078.38	3,089.30	2,702.52	1,849.85						
1,771.81	1,771.81	1,771.81	1,479.02	2,935.37	2,975.37	2,966.37						
0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00						
\$7,925.99	\$7,529.62	\$7,137.91	\$7,442.62	\$8,594.54	\$7,897.18	\$7,225.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
JUNE, 1987

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$4,525.41	\$4,545.66	\$3,061.90	\$3,078.38	\$3,089.30	\$2,702.52						
INCOME:												
Money market interest	20.25	16.24	16.48	10.92	10.92	10.68						
TOTAL INCOME	\$20.25	\$16.24	\$16.48	\$10.92	\$10.92	\$10.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EXPENSES:												
Loan to member church	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Conference housing and trans.—CDL rep.					397.70	189.00						
Airfare for pastoral candidate—Montgomery						208.00						
General Conf. housing & trans.—Elders' Nov. Comm.						466.35						
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$397.70	\$863.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$4,545.66	\$3,061.90	\$3,078.38	\$3,089.30	\$2,702.52	\$1,849.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UPACC
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
JUNE, 1987

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$1,771.81	\$1,771.81	\$1,771.81	\$1,479.02	\$2,935.37	\$2,975.37						
INCOME:												
Interest				15.55								
Registrations of District Committee members				80.00								
Registrations and offering				2,197.00	40.00							
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,292.55	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EXPENSES:												
Postage & shipping charges--conference packets			92.79			9.00						
Hotel deposit			200.00									
Conference expenses not charged to general budget				836.20								
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$292.79	\$836.20	\$0.00	\$9.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$1,771.81	\$1,771.81	\$1,479.02	\$2,935.37	\$2,975.37	\$2,966.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



Gulf Lower Atlantic District UFMCC

615/
POB 1526 Elizabethton, TN 37644-1526 926-9084

September 8, 1987

Dear Rev. Marge,

I received your letter (23 August) on September 5th. Thank you for responding.

You mention in your letter that "it has been well over two years since a District Coordinator has visited Mobile"; that is not quite correct. After the election that granted a two-month term in September of 1985, you contacted me in need of "someone to lionize." You and the church had sent invitations to medical personnel throughout Mobile whom you believed would be interested in work of MCC Mobile and possibly, with the AIDS crisis. Since the Rev. Lincoln was no longer the D.C. and he was not inclined to come nor the district inclined to pay, you asked me. June and I rearranged a planned weekend in order to help save face. We came, MCC Mobile came, and one (1) of the medical personnel came.

Since then, I have experienced a sense of frustration about arranging for another district visit. In January of 1986, I published the calendar for the upcoming year's worth of visits. Mobile was scheduled for September of that year, one year from the last visit. I called you in August of that year and spoke with you about how your church would like to utilize that visit: "Would you like me to conduct a workshop, preach, etc." You were to call to instruct me. You did not.

I called several times to get the needed information, leaving messages on your machine. You never returned those requests either. Shirley finally called, within the hour before June and I were to leave for Mobile, stating that "There must be some misunderstanding. Marge and I thought that you were coming in January." I requested to speak with you but you were still at work. She further stated that the church was not prepared for our visit and that it would be a waste of time (and district money). We talked that day about the date "in January". It was left to your (MCC Mobile's or your personal) initiative to call to finalize those plans.

I called in January to specifically discuss the last of the month visit. Again, I spoke with Shirley because you weren't in. She again stated an unreadiness, saying that the holiday festivities had worn everyone down. She mentioned the possibility of the 2nd Anniversary activities scheduled for early March. I stated an interest in being included; she said that plans (definite date) had not been finalized but that you all "would be sure to get with me." The next I knew about it, I read in the Alabama Forum that the Rev. Sam Edelman would be the guest preacher. I read that two days after the fact.

This latest attempt, for September, you have turned down because it isn't convenient. You did not offer the Wednesday activity as an alternative to Tuesday (listed in your newsletter) but propose Fellowship weekend, the weekend prior to the March on Washington. It will, of course, not be possible for me to attend.

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However, I am glad to state that the Rev. Bob Galloway will be coming as the district's representative. The district will pay to fly him down and we request that Mobile house and feed him while he is there. If the opportunity to preach is extended to him as well, please communicate that to him personally at the earliest possible moment. A letter will follow with his flight plan.

June and I will visit MCC Mobile sometime after the new year. If MCC Mobile would like to make a special weekend of it, fine; if not, we will visit your worship service whenever we can.

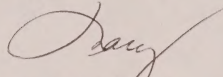
Your work in the AIDS crisis is to be commended. I trust that Jim Ferels of the NAN will be able to be a good resource person for the AIDS Outreach of Mobile. The cooperative work with the Red Cross is exciting.

Congratulations on the church growth. I will looking forward to receiving the application for Diaconate on whomsoever it is that you're training.

Please give Ken Jones our thanks for his considerate gift of flowers while we visited last time; times like those remain special in the mind. We also enjoyed your hospitality. The shrimp, potatoe salad, and rum cake were wonderful. I look forward to another visit where we can all offer our best to one another.

May God bless, Marge.

In Service with You,



Mary M. Moore
District Coordinator

cc: District Committee
Larry Hutson, Lay Delegate

P.S. The Committee has still not received the remainder of the packet for Commissioning. Mobile is now considered a "Special Work" under the direct supervision of the District. When the Commission is granted, the Board of Directors will become an empowered body and the Church will receive its rightful vote at both District and General Conference.



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CHURCH AT MOBILE

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MOBILE, AL 36607

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11/26 1987

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FOR Thanksgiving offering - John Hose

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Thomas F. Roe

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Missy is with me and sends
love to her "Grandpa";
(because obviously, if you
are "papa" to all of us old
duffers, you must be
"grandpa" to our kids!)
we pray for you daily
and trust God to be of
comfort and strength to you.
Bless you always for your
example. Blaze the trail
for us even now!
Love
Marge + Shirley

Dear John
Enclosed is a love offering
which McCat Mobile felt
was a way of showing
our love and support.
There is no way to tell
you how much you
have meant to me
personally all these
years, but your support
has been tangible and
very much appreciated.

November 6-8, 1987, Huntsville, Alabama

**Gulf Lower Atlantic District
UFMCC**POB 1526 Elizabethton, TN 37644-1526 615/
926-9087"FEEDING THE 5000"

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

HOME CHURCH _____

DATE OF ARRIVAL _____ EXPECTED TIME _____

VISITOR ☐ CLERGY ☐ LAY DELEGATE ☐ MEMBER ATTENDING FOR FUN ☐

(not voting)

(Please check only one category)

Registration Cost: \$20.00

Includes: Conference materials, Saturday night banquet, Friday night refreshments,
Workshop materials, and we're still working on a Sunday morning continental
b!fast.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

GLAD
POB
Huntsville, AL 35801
ATTN: Registrar
(Please mail to same)

NOVEMBER 6-8, 1987

GLAD CONFERENCE V, TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY EVENING: ARRIVAL OF PASTORS AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE

FRIDAY MORNING: 9-1:00--District Committee Meeting

10-1:00--CCCC/District Clergy Review Committee
Forum with Rev. Paul Tucker, Chair, DCRC
IMPORTANT! Clergy, Student Clergy, Supervisors
of Student Clergy--INFORMATION YOU NEED!

FRIDAY AFTERNOON: 1-2:00--Lunch

2-6:00--Church Leadership Committee Workshop
"Church Cycles" Rev. Lynn Guerra, Clergy Representative,
facilitating

6-10:00--REGISTRATION (Ask at hotel desk for directions)

7-9:00 -- Songfest!

9-10:00-- Lay House Meeting with Loyal Charles, Lay Representative,
and Mary Allen Watson, Alternate

SATURDAY M'NING: 8:30-9:45--WORSHIP, Rev. Elder Donald Eastman preaching

10-12:30--Business Meeting

12:45-2:00--Lunch

2-5:30--Church Growth Workshop
Rev. Elder Don Eastman facilitating
Faith, Fellowship, and Order Workshop (FFO)
Rev. Bruce Hill, Clergy Delegate, and Wayne Lindsey,
Lay Delegate, facilitating

5:30-7:00--Business meeting (ONLY IF NEEDED)

8:00 p.m.--Parade of Banners (Don't forget them!)
Banquet
GLAD Celebration

SUNDAY M'NING: 10:00 a.m.--WORSHIP, Rev. Janet Pierce preaching

GLAD CONFERENCE V
PROPOSED AGENDA

BUSINESS MEETING: 10-12:30, Saturday, November 7, 1987

Open with Prayer

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Reading of District Conference Minutes (IV)--April 1987

/NOTE: There are no minutes from yesterday's Church Leadership Meeting;
it was a workshop, not business./

Reading of District Committee Meeting (November 6, 1987) Minutes

District Committee Reports:

Assistant District Coordinator, Rev. Bob Galloway

Treasurer, Dennis Luft

Clergy Representative, Rev. Lynn Guerra

Lay Representative, Loyal Charles

District Coordinator, Mary Moore

District Clerk, Nancy Gunn (You will have no report beyond the minutes
of all meetings which she officially attends.)

Liaison, Mary Allen Watson (ex officio)

Old Business:

Standard Operating Procedures

Church Status Standards & Procedures

**We will be bringing our district SOPs and Standards into line with
official instructions from the General Council's Legal and Corporate
Division

New Business:

1987-88 Budget

Elections: Assistant District Coordinator

Lay Representative

Open Floor (as time allows)

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